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IMPORTANT FROM MEXICO.

Settlement of the Difference of Mexico with France and England.

Adjustment of Claims—Abandonment of the Spanish Convention—The Tariff—President Comonfort—Revolution—The Jarauta Government—Disturbances in the Capital—Prevalence of Disorders in the Country.

By the arrival of the Tennessee at New-Orleans, we are in receipt of our correspondence, exchanges, and private advices from Mexico to the 21st of January. The intelligence is interesting and important. Advices from the interior and considerable portion of Vera Cruz indicate the recent extraordinary civilities of the English and French naval commanders on shore to be, at least, in a fair way of adjustment. It will be remembered that the original pretensions of the Allied Commissioners not only the immediate payment of the claims of English and French Citizens, but the maintenance of the previous tariff for the duties actually in force in Mexican ports, and the indemnification of British and French citizens for losses sustained in consequence of the revolution. These demands, we are now enabled to say, have been withdrawn by the English and French Commissioners, upon the calm and dignified representations of the Mexican officials at Vera Cruz of the Jarauta Government. The only claims to which the Allies now insist, are such as have always been conceded by the Government to be just, reasonable and due. They will be met as promptly as circumstances will permit, and the amicable relations of Mexico, so far as Juarez's Government on the one hand, and France and England on the other, are concerned, remain amicable and unimpaired.

The claims now standing are therefore such as have been made from the commencement of which they have always said that they would be satisfied with an agreement, entered into between Mexico and France, that they should pay part of the duties levied on goods already in French hotels of Mexican party should be used and applied to the liquidation of some bonds from French citizens abroad. With England, it was agreed to reserve twenty-five per cent of all duties of that kind, never, to be applied to the liquidation of the amount borrowed from British bondholders. These sums have hitherto been duly received by the Mexican Government and prior to the revolution had been applied to the purposes stipulated for in the Convention.

Since the revolution, however, Vera Cruz has proclaimed to act as an independent State, and has refused to transmit to the City of Mexico the sums so reserved for the special purpose of paying the foreign debt of the Republic. In time refusing, there can be little doubt that a precedent if not a legal excuse has been adopted, since it would not be difficult, in view of the unscrupulous manner in which the public money has been employed for private purposes in the City of Mexico, to conceive the disposal which would probably have been made of such funds during the constant revolutionary changes in the Government. Indeed, Juarez has granted the Allied Commanders that the stipulated proportions of the duties on all goods entering the port of Vera Cruz have been set aside, and are actually held by his officials, in the shape of the importers. An early conversion of these obligations will be made, and the funds as produced will be applied, as far as they will go, to the liquidation of the foreign debt mentioned with the contract.

Upon receiving this assurance, the unwarrantable demand for the revision of the tariff was withdrawn, and the claims before referred to for the indemnification of British and French subjects postponed.

It has also been conceded to the British commander that the British flag should be planted in the harbor of Tampico, by way of reparation for certain wrongs alleged to have been committed by Mexican subjects at that port.

The amicable settlement of these reclamations of England and France is of immense advantage to Juarez, who appears to have exhibited, at the same time, a becoming firmness and a high degree of sagacity in his management of these exterior questions throughout. Any appearance of foreign coercion would inevitably have had the effect of uniting the people of the interior, for the time at least, in support of the party which is strongest there, but which is nevertheless obnoxious to the wishes of the majority of the people of the whole Republic, and would therefore, have materially injured the Liberal cause.

But beyond this amicable arrangement of the immediate foreign questions, there is not a grain of cheering intelligence in the recent advices from Mexico. The troubles of the country appear to have become more complicated, and their ultimate solution is as further off than ever. To the report that Miramon was meditating to replace Zuloaga in power, we see no reason to attach any faith whatever. Miramon is fully as ambitious as Mexican Generals usually are, and he is certain that if it is once established that Zuloaga could not possibly command the confidence of any party, the clergy would gladly support Miramon. His object will, therefore, rather be to exalt him, and then to replace Zuloaga, whose prospects outside of the ranks of the Church, appear to be at present small and unfavorable. On the other hand, Zuloaga maintains its possession of the seaports, but is unable to move beyond them. Both parties, indeed, seem to be suffering from the chronic disease of unsuccessful Mexican Generals—the want of Money. The interior troubles have so completely destroyed the commerce of the country, as to reduce the revenue, derived from the duties on imports, to a comparatively insignificant figure, from which there has never chance to be deducted the reservations stipulated by the Conventions with foreign Governments. On the other hand, the Church has begun to find the drafts upon it for the maintenance in power of its peculiar adherents, constantly embarrassing. Even the immense wealth of the several religious foundations of the country must, to a certain extent, be impaired by the stoppage of Trade, which not only prevents distant poverty from contributing its stated dues or voluntary offerings, but even makes it inconvenient for tenants of competence to pay its rents. And better bleeding so freely as she has done of late years, the Church will, at length, be very apt to find herself too exhausted to continue her largesses to Governments totally incapable, by reestablishing commerce, of enabling the Church to replenish her coffers.

There appears to have been some mention in the capital, prior to the departure of the last mail, of an expedition on the part of Miramon to march on Vera Cruz, with the view of [illegible]; but the best informed [illegible] the possibility of such a movement. Indeed, [illegible] the capital not the means at the disposal of the Church party would enable Miramon at this moment to attempt it. Moreover, if the thing be undertaken at all, it must be immediately done, since it will not be long before Miramon's troops to maintain a siege of Vera Cruz after the month of March, or, in other words, by the season of Yellow Fever, to subject the garrison, by the means of Yellow Fever, to subject the garrison, by the means of famine, to the horrors of a siege. Miramon, however, is still raging.

We are now expecting the arrival of Gen. Miramon in the city. Last evening a messenger arrived from Puebla, and this morning it is said that Miramon demanded the resignation of Zuloaga, in his part in the palace, and will not acknowledge the place of Echeagaray and Robles, for even a temporary election to the Presidency. This is one story. Another is that Zuloaga was very much agitated during yesterday, and expressed his fears that Miramon might yield to the coercion of the army and accept the Presidency. For my part I know that such fears distressed the mind of Zuloaga yesterday, still I have my doubts if they have any serious foundation. Miramon's best plan is to replace Zuloaga and make Zuloaga set his reputation good with the English Government for the outrages he perpetrated against Englishmen at San Luis Potosi; that done, he may with safety take the Presidency.

The feeling of the undiplomatic army is undoubtedly to make Miramon the President. Dictator, or what he likes, at once. On the 19th the garrison of Toluca actually came out in favor of this and seized and imprisoned several officers who would not join them. The pronunciamiento of Toluca is a repetition of the plan of Tacubaya, by which Comonfort kicked out the National Congress and took things in his own hands. The pronunciamiento of Toluca is the fourth we have had in the past month—each one entirely different from all others. It is difficult to predict what another month may produce. The only thing I am safe in asserting is that nothing sensible can by any chance come from these people.

In the meantime the "fat boy," Robles, plays the fool in this capital. He quietly hides his fate, toddling about like a person who has a most imperfect notion of what he is up to. Poor Robles, he might much better have played his simple role in Washington, as unofficial representative of Mexico, and doing what he liked in other particulars. Now he is gone in for good and forever. He is no longer a man holding rank among the mediocrity. He has, by force of circumstances, acknowledged himself against the Liberal Party, and thus given the lie to his professions in Washington. His knuckling to the Clergy will be rewarded by his being at last kicked out of the country, and thus he will have proved himself a deceiver in that respect. And, after all, Robles is a gentleman in his manners and education, but those qualifications are not in his favor to advance him in his native country—as, *ceteris* the popular voice for Miramon.

The intermeddling of Foreign ministers in the late upheavings of Mexico's capital, has, in truth, caused great disgust amongst the few sensible foreigners here. The French Minister has made himself the broker of the Church Party, and has been an active worker for the reinstating of Zuloaga. The British Minister has become the pliant tool of Zuloaga. He runs about for him; writes no end of little fatiguing messages for him; keeps Zuloaga in his house, and actually declares him to be "a very gentlemanly person." What a funny thing this is to be sure. An Englishman, perchance, calling Zuloaga "a gentlemanly person." Some people say it is the climate, but I must confess that I cannot set aside my belief in craniology to explain such stupid acts in that manner. The British Government, it is to be hoped, will not long delay in sending the British Minister to Mexico to some place more suitable for the exercise of his Spanish proclivities, and place some one here who can be called an Englishman by his works. The British Legation, for the past month, has been the centre of the machinations of the Clergy Party against both the *Moderados* and the *Puros*. It has been and is still the conservatory of the Zuloaga Church Government. Is this not a deplorable picture of English diplomacy? What matter it furnishes for the pencil of Punch!

The people of Vera Cruz are a precious set of cowards and good-for-nothing fellows. Some few weeks ago, when the Church Government had abandoned several points in the State of Vera Cruz, they came up and took possession of them, claiming great victories, although not an enemy had been seen or a gun fired. Now, when the Church Party sends a force against them, they bolt without firing a gun. The village of Cordova, an excellent position to hold and defend, was occupied by the renowned Tabio and 2,000 man. It was attacked by Cobos, a daring Church bandit, with 1,000 men, and the result was, the place was taken without firing a shot—the Liberals bolting for Vera Cruz with all possible dispatch, on the mere sight of the enemy. What hope can be entertained for such people?

I have just received a letter from Guadalajara, relating some news from that quarter of importance, although several days since report had brought here in a confused shape the same news.

On the 10th inst. the palace of Guadalajara was blown up, as is supposed, by carelessness in igniting some combustibles in the ammunition department. The palace was pretty well blown to pieces, and the damage caused is summed up in 200 persons killed and wounded. Miramon was in the building at the time, but escaped unhurt.

The battle of Miramon and Degollado appears to have been indeed a bad blow to the latter. The American officer, Chrisman, was in a tight place in the fight, and was at one time seized by the throat by a church soldier. Chrisman, however, managed to get play for his right arm, and, drawing a six-shooter, dispatched six of his assailants, and cut his stick while the rest of his enemies were meditating the havoc he had made. Bravo for Chrisman.

The Liberals are again hovering about Guadalajara, and have actually seized several small towns in that vicinity since the departure of Miramon, but they will run the moment their enemies make themselves apparent, and return again so soon as they withdraw.

Miramon levied a heavy forced loan at Guadalajara, and made as a condition that those foreigners who did not pay up their proportions within forty-eight hours should be banished from the country. This is a sample of what we have to expect of this nice young man when he becomes the ruler of the nation. But, after all, if foreign nations allow their citizens to be plundered, I do not see that Miramon is wrong in plundering them. To blockade the ports in the Gulf for robberies committed in the interior is only furthering the views of the Church party—nothing more.

The *pintos* from Guerrero got a terrible drubbing the other day at Cuernavaca. They had at one time gained possession of more than half the place, and, notwithstanding they had 3,000 men against about 1,200, they were sent off about their business in a very disorganized condition, and have since been cut up in their war in a somewhat disastrous manner.

From San Luis Potosi we have no late reliable news. The city is closely besieged, if not taken by the Liberals, ere this—but will turn again with the next tide. This unfortunate city has suffered severely by the civil war, and now its commerce is reduced to almost complete ruin.

From the distant States and Territories we get nothing. The Republic of Mexico no longer aspires to control its distant parts. After three centuries of misrule this country has gone below its aboriginal figure. In the days of the Aztecs extraordinaries passed between their capital and the Gulf in less time than they now thirty-six hours was then a long time. Now, from the civil discords, it takes several days. I saw a letter the other day that was just three months and a half in coming from Tampico to this city! A letter rarely finds its way from Sonora to this city in less than two months. The same time is necessary from Yucatan, and from many States it is now hopeless to get correspondence.

A gentleman just up from Vera Cruz, who, by the way, was robbed three times in one day on the journey, tells me that it is impossible to meet a person on the road who is not a robber or a soldier. All the farms are abandoned, and no planting or cultivation is going on in a single hacienda on the whole road. The road to Vera Cruz is no exception to any part of the country. Industry is abandoned all over the country, and a few months more must bring upon us the horrors of a famine.

This capital presents no novel features beyond those I have mentioned. The streets at this moment are filled with knots of Liberals, who were released by Robles from prison; but a week or ten days hence and they will all be snugly enough stowed away again in their old quarters. The police for the moment are not rigid, and these stupid people think this style of things is going to last. Alas for them, the day—now not far distant—they wake up to a sense of their mistake.

We have had excessively cold weather here for the past fortnight, the most disagreeable ever known. The suffering from cold in consequence has been intense. Hundreds are down from severe sickness caused by this unusual weather. Among the number of those who were at one time dangerously ill, was Mr. Black, our very worthy Consul. I am glad to say he is now in better health and out of danger.

Accounts from the Mexican Press.

AMERICAN ANNEXATION APPROVED.

The Vera Cruz *Progreso* of the 22d has an extended article on the relations of the Constitutional Mexican Government and the United States, in which it looks with more favor on Mr. Buchanan's proposal to occupy certain posts in Chihuahua and Sonora. The Progreso, while it admits that a large portion of the American people believe in manifest destiny, and the absorption of the whole of Mexico by the United States, denies that the proposed occupation will be anything more than temporary.

RESIGNATION OF GEN. ECHEAGARAY.

Gen. Echeagaray has written a card to the *Sociedad* newspaper, wherein he excuses his failure to continue the operations at Vera Cruz, and repudiates the charge of cowardice brought against him on that account.

The following is the letter of Gen. Echeagaray:

MEXICAN REPUBLIC, EASTERN DIVISION, HEADQUARTERS-IN-CHIEF: Whatever may be the effervescence of contending parties, and the calumnies with which they assail me, I believe myself to be a member of a society sufficiently intelligent to demand of me an account of my public conduct; and this society has the right to call me before the tribunal of its opinion; but before I suffer, it is necessary that I should speak, and that I should be listened to.

I am accused of cowardice, for not having persisted in the operations on the town of Vera Cruz. I have abundantly proved that I never was a coward, by my behavior through twenty-eight years during which I have served my country in its army, and by my conduct of the campaign in the same State of Vera Cruz, to which the irrefragable witness may be found in the whole of the Division of the East. I will also prove that if this campaign had been prolonged, I could not have attacked Vera Cruz, for the simple reason that I lacked the material, not merely to conclude the investment, but even to continue it.

Those who are acquainted with the division of the East from its origin, know that, consisting at the outset of 1,800 men, and nine field pieces, with only ten thousand dollars in its military chest, it marched into the State of Vera Cruz, defended by eight thousand men, more than two hundred pieces of artillery, and by a continuous series of military positions, of natural defences, of temporary and permanent fortifications; they would know that the investment of Vera Cruz would require two lines of fortification, armed with three thousand rifles, seventy-four pieces of artillery, heavy and light, and manned by four thousand men, distributed at the different points of the occupied lines, which would have to be abandoned for an assault upon the town itself; would also know that at the very time we were said to have received three millions of dollars from the general treasury of the nation, this suffering division was without supplies, and its meritorious chiefs and officers reduced to frightful misery, while having constantly, I might say daily, to give battle.

I am, nevertheless, accused of having been in correspondence with the enemy. Nothing is easier for me than to issue triumphantly from a charge so weighty.

Lastly, I am accused by some of having realized a fortune from the sufferings of the Division of the East. The chiefs of brigades and corps, all of the officers of the division who witnessed my conduct, all the paymasters who had dealings with the division, and, lastly, the Paymaster-General now at the capital, who may present his account; all will demonstrate the purity of my administration, which has never before been called in question, and which would issue from inquiry wholly exonerated.

There have also been sundry allusions to a confiscation of gold coin, which I am charged with having denounced, not in my private capacity, but in the name of the division, bringing into this grave subject the names of five of the most respectable chiefs of the canton of Jalapa, who, with the utmost scrupulousness, contributed the amount and paid it to the Paymaster-General, the statement of the proper tribunal to whom it was referred being in the hands of the Auditor of War, (in the same manner as any other indictment against persons in the army,) for the robbery of gold on the discharge of the cars containing the contraband articles.

These accusations and special charges affect the interests of the nation and my honor. The nation has the right to know if the treasures contributed by the citizens are legitimately employed, and if the Generals, to whom it confides its army, are worthy to direct them. And I have the right to vindicate my conduct in such a tribunal.

I therefore beg that your Excellency will be pleased to make this statement to the General charged with the Executive power, requesting him to place it before the proper tribunal as soon as possible, I ceasing, in the meanwhile, the command of the Division of the East.

I repeat to you my consideration and esteem.

MIGUEL MARIA DE ECHEAGARAY.

MOVEMENTS OF MIRAMON.

The *Boletin Oficial*, of Jan. 15, publishes the following:

In order to quiet the natural anxiety existing in this capital since the announcement was made of the terrible accident which has occurred in the palace of Guadalajara, and from which, by the aid of Providence, his Excellency the President elect was saved, we publish the letter of his Excellency to the Commander-in-Chief.

GUADALAJARA, Monday, Jan. 10, 1859.

General Manuel Robles, Perote, Mexico:

DEAR SIR: At the time when I was preparing for my march to the capital, I was delayed by an unfortunate accident.

At 10½ o'clock this morning the magazine in the Palace was exploded, blowing the building to pieces and producing a horrible explosion.

The number of victims has been very considerable, but Providence, which seems to watch over me, ordained that the part in which I was, was saved from the immediate effects of the catastrophe.

The Governor and Commandant of the Department, Don Leonard Marquez, also escaped without injury, and up to this time it is not known that any officer of high rank has been killed.

The consternation in the city has been proportionate to the magnitude of the misfortune; but in the midst of the evil the firmness of the people in behalf of order and good faith has been signally manifested. The most careful vigilance of the troops has been necessary to prevent the immolation by popular fury of several persons known to belong to the demagogue band. At the time of the occurrence, the incendiarism was supposed to have been the work of one of the partisans of the fallen cause.

As this lamentable accident may be mentioned in your city in an untrue light, I hasten to set you right in the facts, and I have also taken the necessary precautions to make the real state of the case known in the other departments of the Republic, so as to avoid all *needless alarm*.

Yours, &c., MIGUEL MIRAMON.

The *Boletin Oficial* says: "His Excellency the General-in-Chief has learned from a telegraphic dispatch that General Miramon arrived yesterday (14th) at Guanajuato, and that he will shortly continue his march towards the Capital.

His Excellency has not yet decided if he will accept the Presidency, but he is entirely resolved to act in all respects according to the will of the nation.

This resolution is strictly in conformity with the principles initiated and sustained by that part of the army which adopted the Constitution proclaimed in this city on the 23d December, and is the surest guarantee that the result of this Constitution and of the election of General Miramon to the Presidency will be the early pacification of the Republic."

General Miramon, says the *Estafette*, was in Guanajuati on the 14th, and he is momently expected at the Capital. The intentions of the General are not known, and will remain secret until he himself decides.

[illegible] Queretaro. Echeagaray's brigade had already arrived at Guanajuato. It is reported that Miramon will proceed at once to Guanajuato, [illegible] Mexico will commence the year [illegible]

According to other letters of the 6th January, received from General Miramon, he had delayed his departure from Guadalajara for the purpose of arranging various matters—among others collecting funds and troops from various departments.

General Moreno remains in Colima with two battalions, forming a total of 2,400 men.

Colonel Joaquin Miramon, with his corps of 800 men, remains in Yacatecas.

MOVEMENTS AND POLITICS IN THE INTERIOR.

Up to the latest dates, the garrisons of Mexico—Puebla, Orizaba, Queretaro, San Luis and Guadalajara—had acknowledged and proclaimed the new President without any restriction for or against the programme of Noche Buena, or the bases of the Junta.

The garrison of Toluca has just taken up the question, Colonel Ormaeta, after several military conferences, has proclaimed the Constitution of Tacubaya, and the Presidency of Miramon. It would not surprise us, says a Mexican paper, if this movement is followed, and the programme of Toluca were to serve as a point of union on the return of the General-in-Chief of the Army of the North.

The following is the platform of Toluca:

"In the city of Toluca, capital of the Department of Mexico, on the 14th day of January, 1859, being assembled the Generals and Officers of the Garrison, in the quarters of General Ignacio Ormaeta, it was agreed that the following articles shall be sustained and defended under all circumstances:

1. This Garrison, according to the principles established on the 24th December last, declaring that, without any compromise, and in order not to offer any opposition, it supported the plan proclaimed on the previous day in the Capital of the Republic; now, in view of the fact that the same cannot be realized and the General who promulgated it has recognized it to be impracticable; that the enemies of order, to whom it offered peace, have openly rejected it; that, on the other hand, it has not been approved by the General-in-Chief of the Army of the North, this Garrison remains unanimously at the disposal of the said General.

2. General Gregorio del Callejo shall be invited to remain as before at the head of this Garrison, with the assurance that he is united with us in sentiment; but that in case he should not accept, we recognize General Ignacio Ormaeta as our immediate Chief."

Later intelligence furnishes the following:

As will be seen from the facts published to-day, the General-in-Chief of the army of the North, has placed himself at the orders of General Miramon. General Callejo refused to subscribe to the terms of the garrison of Toluca, and on Sunday, the 16th inst., he left for the capital with his aids and some companies of sappers, which corps seconded his movement.

The *Sociedad*, of the 18th, says:

Generals Cobo and Cazanova, and Colonel Ayestaran left Queretaro on the 10th to meet Gen. Miramon.

The Engineer Cenobrejo, who left the capital eight days ago, was apprehended in Queretaro by order of General Haro.

General Vega will remain in San Luis.

General Perez Gomez remains at Guadalajara.

It is believed that Generals Lozada and Cenobrejo will remain in Guanajuato and Queretaro.

Don Luis Alvarez has returned from his mission to Morelia (?). Degollado had just entered that city with 800 men. The rest of the troops which he had been able to raise were at a distance of 20 leagues from Morelia.

It is said that an officer of Degollado had arrived at Mexico in the disguise of a courier, giving some curious accounts of the last campaign at Guadalajara, and of the occurrences at Morelia. He states that the defeat of Degollado at San Joaquin was decisive. His troops, on finding themselves flanked on the side of the forest, were filled with terror. "It is nothing," cried Degollado, and yet he was the first to flee, and whole battalions, formed into columns, were surrounded and disarmed by the army of the North.

According to the statement of the same officer, Degollado had been even worse received in Morelia by Huerta, who scolded him tremendously for not having withdrawn part of the army and of the principal trains, &c., on which the Constitutionalists had reckoned largely.

The correspondent of the Vera Cruz *Progreso* tells us that a few days ago, seeing unusual activity about the residence of the latter, Robles sent a message to Zuloaga, pretty broadly hinting that he was engaged in a conspiracy. To which "Five of Diamonds" (Zuloaga's nickname, from his favorite card at monte) replied that being the legitimate President, he could not conspire; that Robles himself was the conspirator. Thereupon the General in command sent his brother Luis to the British Minister to notify him that in his belief various individuals domiciled in, or visitors at, his house were engaged in that unlawful business. To which Mr. Orway is said to have replied that the visitors to his house came to see General Zuloaga, the legitimate President of the Republic. The same writer states that Mr. Orway had received from British citizens resident in Guadalajara numerous protests against the new forced loan levied upon them. What action the Minister contemplated in the matter was not known.

LATER FROM UTAH.

Important Action of Judge Sinclair—Adjournment of the United States Court—The Judge's Remarks—Refusal of Mormon Juries to Punish Crime—Deplorable Condition of the Territory—General News.

From Our Own Correspondent.

GREAT SALT LAKE CITY, Utah Territory, Saturday, Jan. 15, 1859.

An event of the utmost importance in connection with the interests of this Territory has occurred during this past week, namely: The adjournment of the United States District Court, in consequence of the evident futility of endeavoring to sustain the dignity of the law in this Territory.

The Court having been in session thirty-one days, during which its time was wholly taken up in endeavoring—quietly and with the utmost decorum and dignity—to establish itself upon the footing, and with the authority to which it is entitled, the Judge, the Hon. Chas. E. Sinclair, on Thursday last, the 13th inst., announced that the Court, having transacted all the business before it arising under the laws of the United States, was now prepared to consider business arising under the Territorial laws. He, however, went on to state, further, that the Legislative Assembly had made no provision whatever to defray the expenses of the Court while exercising Territorial jurisdiction, and has thus failed to comply with the spirit of the Organic act, and receive *legally* the Courts of the United States provided for them by Congress. That consequently he could not proceed, under these circumstances, to prolong the term of the Court, and take up the consideration of public business.

He then went on, and, in a most earnest and emphatic manner, addressed those connected with the Court, and told them that he had, in the hope of promoting the best interests of the legal profession; in the hope that justice might finally triumph and prevail over ignorance, error and crime, borne with them patiently, had extended to them every courtesy and assistance within his power, but that in return for his efforts he had been resisted at every step, had been opposed by every trick and device which they had it in their power to make use of, and had been met with a determined purpose to catch or take advantage of his lenity. That, consequently, after mature reflection and deliberation, and with a full sense of the responsibility of his action, he discharged the traverse jury without going into the consideration of any of the cases on the Court docket, and adjourned the Court until Monday to hear the motions and wind up the business of the Court previous to final adjournment.

Judge Sinclair has taken this course upon the idea, which is now but too evident and palpable, and which has been fully confirmed by his experience, that it is utterly impossible—nay, *farcical* and ridiculous—to attempt to exercise the high functions of a United States Judge under the circumstances at present existing in this Territory.

Whilst the juries are composed of Mormons, the laws cannot be administered impartially. The Church—exercising as it does complete control, not only over the souls and bodies of its followers, but also over their minds and judgments—controls the verdicts of the juries, irrespective of any law or evidence before them.

The Grand Jury in the United States District Court—a Grand Jury of which a majority were leading Mormons of this District—have *ignored* the bill of indictment against the murderer Christiansen, who was bound over for trial by Judge Sinclair for shooting, and in cold blood cutting the throat of the deaf and dumb boy Bernard, the full particulars of which I gave you in previous letters.

As I informed you, Christiansen shot the poor boy three times whilst he had him alone up in one of the gorges of the Big mountain. But the boy ran, and succeeded in reaching a hut on the main road, where he found protection. He was then placed by Christiansen, wounded and bleeding, on a lumber wagon, to be brought to the city, but, at the mouth of the canon they met Ephraim Hawes, who is noted as a "destroying angel," and the boy was then placed on Hawes' wagon, and taken to a spot about half a mile from the road, under the pretence of hunting some money which, as they reported, the boy stated was there hid. Here, as Hawes testifies, Christiansen cut the boy's throat in *self-defence*—the poor wounded deaf and dumb boy, who was entirely unarmed, having attempted to take his life by *throwing stones* at him.

Notwithstanding all this was proven before them, and notwithstanding Christiansen himself acknowledged the killing of the boy, yet the Mormons on the Grand Jury, being a majority, *refused* to indict him, and thus sustained the action of the "Danites," even in a United States Court.

It is now proven beyond a doubt that the Courts here are powerless, and serve to shield rather than *punish* the worst criminals to be found in this Territory.

The Church has full control over the Juries, and of course exercises that control as best suits its ends.

The proceedings in the Grand Jury-room must remain secret. But a Grand Juror informed us that if the proceedings which took place in that Jury-room could be made public, they would astound even the "Gentiles" resident here. As it is, however, it is well known that to such a pitch did the dissension between the two parties on the Grand Jury arise, that coats were pulled off and pistols drawn, for a general fight, which was only prevented by the interference of the U. S. Marshal, who hearing the noise rushed into the Jury-room in time to quell the disturbance.

The day following, two of the Grand Jurors—Bartles (Gentile,) and Bates (Mormon,)—met in assaloon on Main-street, and after exchanging a few words not of the most complimentary nature in regard to the action of the Grand Jury, drew their pistols one upon the other, when the police, who were watching them, interfered and separated them.

On Tuesday last the case of the United States *vs.* James Ferguson, indicted for threatening to intimidate Judge Geo. P. Stiles whilst in the discharge of his duty, as a Judge on the bench, was decided (as was predicted most safely in advance) by the Jury who brought in a verdict of not guilty. This Jury was composed of eight Mormons and four Gentiles, who were drawn by lot from the panel.

As the history of this case is interesting at this time in illustration of the means made use of to annoy the Judges of the Courts and disgust them with their position, I will give you a summary of it.

The case was before the Court ten days, and this time was almost wholly occupied in arguments and speeches upon the following pleas:

Ferguson first offered a plea in abatement in order to object to the Gentiles on the Grand Jury. The next day, however, this plea was withdrawn.

He next moved to quash the indictment found against him on the ground of some irregularity upon its face. This motion was overruled by the Court.

He next requested to offer as a plea in bar the President's pardon—in so doing he confessed his guilt; for no one can be pardoned for that of which he is not guilty. Time was granted him to prepare this plea, but the next day instead of prosecuting it it was withdrawn.

He then pleaded *not guilty* and stated that he was ready for trial, but filed a bill of exceptions to the ruling of the Court in not quashing the indictment.

When about calling the Jury, he requested leave to withdraw his plea of not guilty in order that he might object to the legality of the sitting of the Court.

Upon the calling of the Jury, he made peremptory challenges to the Gentiles on the Jury, which were overruled by the Court. To this ruling he filed another bill of exceptions.

He then made challenges to three of the Gentile jurors on the ground that they were not residents of the Territory; these were also overruled by the Court. After the calling of the Jury he moved for a continuance of his case until the next term of the Court, on the ground that a material witness for the defence, Judge Sinclair, could not be procured.

On the examination of the witnesses it was testified positively by four different witnesses, that Ferguson told Judge Sinclair in open court, that if he dared to decide a question which was then before the Court, by the laws of the United States in preference to the Statutes of Utah, he would "take him off from his bench d—d quick, and that he had the boys there to do it". Also, that several men who were standing around in the court-room pulled off their coats and drew their revolvers around on their belts so as to place them in full view. Upon this demonstration the Judge adjourned his Court.

The only rebutting evidence on the part of the defence was, that they did not hear this language used, and that the men who pulled off their coats did so quietly and without any evil intention.

Governor Cumming is at present annoyed and beset by the Legislature as badly as the Judge was previously in the Court. He has vetoed the first bill passed by the Legislature, viz: the act changing the *Judicial Districts of the Territory*. Fortunately the Governor's veto is absolute. He has expressed his determination to veto also, all acts involving the payment of taxes into the Church treasury. No bills of importance have been brought up before the Legislature, in addition to those already noticed.

The Saints have indulged during the past week in a great many small parties. If a *Gentile* attended one of these parties he was not permitted to dance, but was pointed out as a mark of derision. Two negro balls have also been given this week, at which, I am informed by eye-witnesses, some ten or a dozen white women attended and danced with the negroes with perfect freedom and familiarity. White men were also "mixed in," and were dancing with the negro wenches. In fact, it presented the most disgusting of spectacles—negro men and women, and Mormon men and women, all dancing on terms of perfect equality.

Orson Pratt delivered his second sermon on the authenticity of the Book of Mormon, at the Tabernacle, on Sunday last, to a crowded house, two-thirds of whom were men.

In his sermon, he argued that if he could show as satisfactory proof of the divine origin of the Book of Mormon as there was of the Bible, the Book of Mormon was entitled to the same weight and credibility as the Bible. In order then to prove the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon, he endeavored to throw as much doubt as possible upon the origin of the Bible.

The *Deseret News*, the Church organ, has studiously avoided the least allusion to the *Valley Tan*, and has never made the least allusion to it in its columns. So far has this policy been pursued, that although the *Valley Tan* obtained a copy of the President's Message two weeks ago by express and published it, the *News* waited until a copy arrived by regular mail this week to copy from. The *Valley Tan*, although not a "paying institution," will be sustained for at least one year by the Gentiles in the Territory.

Kirk Anderson, Esq., the indefatigable editor, is determined not to be backed down by any bullying on the part of the Mormons, but will remain at his post, giving faithful and correct information in regard to events here, as long as they allow his press to stand and a roof to remain over his head. If they disturb him here he will move to the camp of the army.

The snow is about eighteen inches deep on the ground, and the sleighing is excellent. We are surprised to see so few good teams among the numerous teams driven about now by persons indulging in the sport of sleigh-riding. We certainly imagined that there were many fine horses in the country, but from what we have seen, you could not pick out a village in the States which does not boast more of fine teams than are to be seen here.

The California mail arrived here on Friday morning, three days ahead of schedule time, bringing news dates from San Francisco up to the 1st of January.

A. B. C.

From Venezuela.

ARRIVAL OF GEN. PAEZ—NOMINATION OF GEN. CASTRO FOR THE PRESIDENCY CONFIRMED—AN ACT OF GENERAL AMNESTY.

We have intelligence from Caracas, extending to Jan. 3. Venezuela was quiet. Gen. Paez had been received with great demonstrations of enthusiasm at Cumana and Puerto Cabello, and, according to telegraphic accounts from Valencia, had arrived at that capital on the 8th, surrounded by a vast concourse, and hailed with prolonged *vivas*.

The National Convention had ratified the nomination of Gen. Castro for President of the Republic at the approaching elections.

The same body had before it the outline of a general amnesty, the only exclusion being the name of Gen. Jose Tadeo Monagas, who is said to be busy in conspiracies against the Republic, in the adjoining island of Trinidad.

A correspondent of the *Diario de la Marina* writes from Caracas, Jan. 8, 1859:

"General Paez arrived at Cumana on the 18th of the past month, on board the United States steamer *Atlanta*, from New-York. A Civic Committee at once proceeded on board the steamer to congratulate him; the young men went to serenade him, and the young ladies to present him with bouquets. His landing upon the 19th was the greatest triumph obtained by him in the whole course of his life; it was the triumph of a national idea; all parties forgot their errors and political dissensions to unite in welcoming the apostle of civic institutions, who came preaching the principles of the Revolution of March, and the necessity of lending emphatic aid to the Government which represents it. From the shore of Salado to the City of Cumana, the road was filled with groups of people hastening forward to escort the citizen General who symbolized the glories of Venezuela. The American sailors and marines bore him in their arms, as the eagle its wounded young, and the flags of the Union, united with that of Venezuela, covered with their shadows the man whose virtues had secured the love of both Americas. The population of Cumana accompanied him with their huzzas.

The Governor, the Municipal Council, the charitable institutions, the lodgers, the districts of the city, the delegates of the cantons—in short, the people—the people, who loved him, ran to welcome the man, 'after the type of Aristides and Thetmoor.' Cumana that day sat down to a banquet, adorned with palms, and with the portrait of Paez beside that of Washington. Is he not our Washington? All the authorities were there. Every corporation sent its representatives to pledge a cup in honor of Paez, and the young men, enthusiastic and generous souls, discoursed eloquently upon the significance of the presence of Paez upon the soil of Cumana, upon the shores of Venezuela. In the district of San Francisco the young people had a ball in the open air, and sung odes, learned in the schools, in honor of Paez.

'Bello Manzanares,
Para tu corriente,
Que el Esclarecido
Pasa por tu puente.'
'Aguila del Norte,
Dejad vuestro nido
Para custodiar
Al Esclarecido.'

The entire population followed him upon his departure from Cumana for Margarita, the citizens bearing him in their arms, quarreling for the honor. The plain of Salado seemed a very bee-hive for the multitude of those who in turn pressed about the litter in which was carried he, who in 1850 departed from the same place surrounded by the hoyonets of tyrants. The steamer *Caledonia*, of the North American Navy, gave the salute required by the articles of war for a commander of the highest rank, and unfurled the flag of Venezuela in honor of the guest of the United States whom, by the orders of its Government, it had escorted thither. The people of Cumana saw their 'friend,' as he desired them to call him, on board the brig *Espartano*, which the people of Margarita had placed at the disposal of the General, and the vessel sailed away from the shores of Cumana amid the shouts and benedictions of the entire city.

The *Espartano*, a slow sailer, arrived in due time at Margarita, where she had been expected for a month, and on the 31st Dec. reached Puerto Cabello. The streets through which the General was to pass were soon covered with palms, flags and curtains, and music and fireworks announced the day to be a festival. A thronging population grouped at the dock to see the General disembark. The Committee named by the Council to receive him went on board to congratulate him, the Chief of the Canton presently after joining them. Other authorities and officials pressed forward to salute him; and after them the private friends of the General, and others of non-official character. As the *Espartano* passed in front of a corvette of Maracaibo, which had on board a company of soldiers, the band of the Company commenced playing, while the officers and privates broke forth into loud *vivas* in honor of the illustrious citizen. At the same moment the Castle discharged a salute of fifteen guns. The General not being able to walk on account of the accident he met with in the United States, had to be landed in his hammock, in which he was carried to the end of the pier. Several enthusiastic young men took the litter on their shoulders and bore His Excellency to the house provided for him. Throughout the transit, the popular acclamations, huzzas and other demonstrations of joy were too expressive to leave a doubt of their entire cordiality. Numerous ladies had grouped themselves in the balconies upon the Calleda de Libertad, and as the illustrious exile passed, showered flowers upon him, and greeted him by waving their white handkerchiefs in the air. The General responded to these graceful manifestations of feeling by gestures of gratification and thankfulness. Two hours after every house in the city was decorated, and at night the illumination was general. The Town Hall presented on its balconies the portraits of Paez and of Cumana, the citizens

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Anticipated Arrival of Miramon at the Capital—Rumors Multiform—Temper of the Army—The Downfall of Robles—Intrigues of the Foreign Embassies—An American Among the Greasers—Miscellaneous.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CITY OF MEXICO, Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1859.

A "norther" has prevailed on the coast for the last week and has prevented the receipt of news from the foreign fleets at Vera Cruz touching the proposed blockade of the Gulf ports.

Shortly after the departure of the last mail for the United States, an express was sent from here for Vera Cruz, with dispatches from the English and French Legations to the English and French naval commanders of Sacrificios. The sum and substance of these dispatches are about as follows: The people of Vera Cruz are ordered to pay up something like $1,000,000 on three days' notice, to satisfy forced loans and back pay due to English and French consulates, and foreign interventors are to be admitted to the Custom-houses to receive in future all moneys already pledged by conventions; but, if in case the people of Vera Cruz do not come up to the scratch by compliance with these demands, the English and French fleets are at once to establish a blockade over the Gulf ports. This is the substance of what has gone from here, but to this hour we have no knowledge of the result, owing to the impossibility of the fleets carrying on relations with the shore during the prevalence of a norther, which, from all appearances, is still raging.

We are now expecting the arrival of Gen. Miramon in the city. Last evening a messenger arrived from Puebla, and this morning it is said that Miramon demanded the resignation of Zuloaga, in his part in the palace, and will not acknowled

STATISTICS OF PARIS.

Receipts of the Theatres—Hospitals and Asylums—Revenues of Newspapers—Miscellaneous.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Thursday, Jan. 13, 1859.

The receipts of the theatres, concerts, and other places of public amusement in Paris, during the month of December, amounted to within a fraction of three hundred thousand dollars. These places of public amusement in Paris number about 150. Of the sum thus received, ten per cent must be paid for the support of hospitals and other charitable institutions. During the year 1857 the hospitals received from this source a revenue of $277,000. The hospitals receive also a per cent, from the pawn offices, and the revenue from this source the same year was $72,000. The product from the establishments under the direction of the hospital administration, such as the sale of wine, bread, medicines, linen, &c., was $352,000. The product from pay patients $138,000. The product from various establishments worked under the direction of the hospital administration, such as the Rue of St. Anne, the shoe-shop of Bicêtre (lunatics), the tailoring shops, dairies, canteens, etc., produced, above their expenses, $64,000. The commissions of ground belonging to the hospitals in the cemeteries, brought $32,000. The Board of Lunatics sent from the departments or by families, $320,000, and the sum paid by the city and the departments for the maintenance of foundling children, $320,000. The city gave an annual subsidy, in 1857, of $631,000. The hospitals received legacies and donations last year to the amount of $100,000. These, added to other sources of revenue, constitute a total for the hospitals of Paris of $3,210,000 annual revenue, a sum just sufficient to cover the expenses.

The number of charitable establishments in the Seine, are, according to the statistics of 1855, 1,732 hospitals and hospices, (retreats,) the revenues of which, from real estate and other sources, amount to $10,732,000; one national hospital for the blind, which has a revenue of $86,496; one school for the blind, revenue $31,280; 7,590 bureaux for the relief of the poor, revenue $7,711,500; 40 pawn offices (pawnbrokers) were established in France and are conducted as a means of relief to the poor and as a source of revenue to the hospitals; the annual loans from which are $10,000,000; 32 asylums for the deaf and dumb, of which the revenues are unknown, except those of Paris and Bordeaux, which are $51,900; 144 foundling hospitals or dépôts, the revenues of which are included in those of hospitals and hospices; 37 public asylums for the insane, receiving $965,000; 11 private asylums and 25 wards in the hospitals; 1 Maison Impériale for insane at Charenton, revenue $91,000, making a total of 9,342 establishments and an annual expenditure of $24,000,000.

The number of patients admitted into the hospitals in 1855 was 87,166, of whom 77,756 were cured, and 9,233 died. The hospices received 12,426 individuals, of whom 10,697 were cured and 1,929 died. The number of children yearly received are 4,000, and 12,000 foundling, or poor children, are always out at nurse in the country, at the hospitals' expense; 500 are apprenticed annually. Relief is granted annually to 90,000 families.

These figures give but an imperfect *résumé* of the charity practiced in Paris and in France; it explains why it is that indigent, maimed or invalid people are so rarely seen in the streets, why mendicity is not allowed, and why the great mass of the people, although poor, have a happy and prosperous look. In France it is almost impossible for a man to rise above the condition in which he is born, and yet he is sure that the Government, which takes care of everything, will secure him happiness in that condition.

While on the subject of statistics, here is another table which may interest those who take an interest in French politics and literature. It is a table showing the present circulation of the journals of Paris, and the reader will not fail to notice the change that has taken place within two years in the circulation of *La Presse* and *Le Constitutionnel*; *La Presse* having fallen from 40,000, and *Le Constitutionnel* having come up from 16,000. The following is the list:

Le Siècle, (Republican,) 38,500; *Le Constitutionnel*, (Ministerial,) 38,000; *La Patrie*, (Ministerial) 23,000, (large augmentation also;) *La Presse*, (Republican,) 21,000; *Le Moniteur*, (official journal,) 15,000; *Les Débats*, (Orleanist,) 9,000; *L'Univers*, (Catholic and Legitimist,) 8,985; *Le Pays* (Ministerial,) 8,000; *Le Messager*, (neutral,) 5,500; *L'Union*, (Catholic and Legitimist,) 4,300; *La Courrier de Paris*, (Republican,) 4,000; *La Gazette de France*, (HENRY V.) 3,200; *Galignani's Messenger*, (English,) 3,300; *La Gazette des Tribunaux*, (law,) 1,900; *Le Droit*, (law,) 1,800; *Charivari*, 1,800.

The theatrical journals are seven in number, of which *L'Entr'acte* has the highest circulation—1,800. The *Figaro-Programme* has 1,300.

Of the illustrated, literary, monthlies, weeklies, bi-weeklies and semi-weeklies, the following are the principal, with their circulation: *L'Univers Illustré*, 45,000; *Le Monde Illustré*, 29,000; *L'Illustration*, 21,000; *La Revue des Deux Mondes*, (Republican,) 18,500; *Figaro*, 9,000; *Journal Amusant*, 8,000; *Moniteur de l'Armée*, (official,) 4,000; *Revue Contemporaine*, (Bonapartist,) 2,500; *L'Ambigu*, 2,500; *Journal des Villes et Campagnes*, 2,000; *Gazette de Paris*, 1,400; *Revue et Gazette des Theâtres*, 1,200; *L'Artiste*, 1,000; *Europe Artiste*, 1,000; *Gazette Musicale*, 1,000; *Ménestrel*, 1,000; *Tintamarre*, 800; *France Musicale*, 700.

The number of journals in Paris, classed rigorously under the head of industrial, will perhaps astonish the reader. They are as follow, and are owned by the bankers whose names are attached: *Le Crédit Public* (Lefranc) 7,000; *Journal des Chemins de Fer* (Mires) 5,000; *Journal des Actionnaires* (Millaud) 5,000; *L'Industrie* (Vergniolle) 5,000; *Semaine Financière* (Ureux and Forcade) 2,000; *Gazette des Chemins de Fer* (Bresson) 2,000; *Le Crédit Financier* (Pegot Ogier) 1,300; *Journal des Travaux Publics* (Sallier) 1,000; *Le Conseiller* (Dumins) 1,000; *Le Siècle Industriel* (L'Hôtique) 1,000; *La Cote* (Le Batard) 800; *Le Moniteur Scientifique* (Quesneville) 750; *Gazette de l'Industrie* (Gastillon) 600; *Le Journal des Taxes*, 150.

The majority of these industrial journals were established in the interest of certain speculations, and will live as long as their services are required in that direction; and then, if not bought out to assist some other enterprise, will cease to appear. Most of them, however, are permanently established, and pass from one interest to another, subsisting in turn the different enterprises of its owner or owners. Their subscribers, it is hardly necessary to say, are found exclusively in the ranks of shareholders. It will be remarked that Messrs. MIRES and MILLAUD each own an industrial paper. M. MIRES owns, as well, the *Constitutionnel*, Government paper, and M. MILLAUD the *Presse*, Republican. But while M. MIRES refuses absolutely to stock-jobbing operations in the columns of the *Constitutionnel*, M. MILLAUD, on the other hand, has taken an opposite course, and the results have been quite above; the circulation of the *Presse* has fallen from 40,000 to 21,000, while the *Constitutionnel* has augmented from sixteen to twenty-six thousand. The friends of the Government have not failed to cite this circumstance as an evidence of the decline of republicanism in the Capital, and the increase of sympathy with the Government; but if there were no other evidence, the steadiness with which the *Presse* trods on to its thirty-six thousand circulation, with the same editors, the same politics, the same general character of the paper, would be sufficient to prove that the change is not a political one in the sentiments of the people, but simply a change in the character of the two journals we are considering.

Who could it be otherwise than that the *Presse* should lose subscribers, with its eternal "nay," "nay"? Even with their pride in the undertakings of their citizens abroad, the French people cannot fail to see that the *Presse* is being prostituted to the profits of mere Bourse speculations, without any regard to those great principles which ought to be present in a journal which sets itself up as a leader of an important political party. HAZARDOUS.

THE PRESIDENTIAL QUESTION.

MOVEMENTS IN VIRGINIA—MR. BUCHANAN A CANDIDATE FOR RESELECTION—ALLIANCE BETWEEN BRECKINRIDGE AND BRECKINRIDGE—THE BASIS OF HIS HOPES—LECOMPTON, CUBA AND A PROTECTIVE TARIFF—HUNTER'S EFFORTS TO DEFEAT HIS SCHEMES FOR POPULARITY—HON. HENRY A. EDMUNDSON AGAIN A CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION—THE UNIVERSITY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION—AMUSING ANECDOTES ABOUT GOV. WISE, &c.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

LYNCHBURG, (Va.,) Monday, Jan. 31, 1859.

I have very good authority in stating that, in spite of his disclaimers, Mr. BUCHANAN will again be a candidate for reelection to the Presidency, and if he fails in that, will spare no effort to control the nomination. It is known that some of the officeholders in Eastern Virginia have set vigorously to work in his behalf, doubtless under an intimation conveyed through some semi-official medium. There are many of them, however, who, under the influence of doubts and apprehensions regarding his success, do not feel disposed to engage in this scheme of reelection, preferring to await further developments, and attach themselves to the fortunes of the most available candidate. In this policy they are, of course, governed by the prospect of being continued in office after the close of their present term; and as 1860 draws near, and the influence of official restraint lessens with the sacrifices which opposition to the Administration would entail, I take it that but few even among the office-holders will be found favorable to the pretensions of Mr. BUCHANAN. Take away the cohesive power of office, and but few would be found to day attached to his general policy, or willing to exercise the least influence in promoting his election.

It is reported that an alliance has been formed between BUCHANAN and BRECKINRIDGE with a view to the nomination of one or other by the Charleston Convention. The terms of this alliance, as I am informed, contemplates the first application of all their available strength in behalf of Mr. BUCHANAN, and its ultimate union upon BRECKINRIDGE, should the efforts to secure the success of his ally fail. This coalition is attributed no less to their present intimate official relations than motives of expediency suggested by the coordinate advantages which both combine North and South by reasons of their respective positions on the Lecompton issue. While BRECKINRIDGE was not sufficiently identified with the Anti-Lecompton movement to enable a true estimate of his position to be made, yet his letter to the Illinois Democratic Central Committee, in view of the necessities of his official station, is deemed sufficiently indicative of Anti-Lecompton proclivities to conciliate Northern support. The Floyd interest in Virginia will be exercised in behalf of this alliance, as well because of the relations of the present Secretary of War to his chief, as of the kindred ties existing between him and the Vice-President. Further than this, I imagine, it will meet with but little support, for the reason chiefly that either party to the alliance lacks the great essential characteristic of availability. Any man even remotely identified with the present Administration stands no possible chance in Virginia, for however she may be induced from party motives to give it a nominal support, she disapproves beyond a doubt of its general policy.

The efforts being made by Mr. BUCHANAN to conciliate popular favor North and South are clearly comprehended here. The chief basis of his hope of Southern support consists in his pertinacious adherence to the Lecompton swindle upon a mere technicality. Before the development of his subsequent policy in connection with the Pacific Railroad and the purchase of Cuba, he enjoyed full credit for his course in that affair. The ultimate consequence of this policy, which is understood to be the creation of a necessity for a protective tariff, destroys in the estimation of the people here all the merits of his zeal in the Lecompton affair. They regard his efforts in that instance as a mere cover, behind which he might, without suspicion, prosecute his efforts in behalf of a tariff suited to the Pennsylvania interests. His great Cuban policy, however pleasing under other circumstances it might be to the South, is not sufficient to give an assurance of security to his efforts in behalf of Southern interests. It is looked upon in no other light than as a means to the end which he is understood to seek, and hence the prevailing indifference, even in the South, in respect to a policy which, in the absence of such consequences as must result from its success in the present embarassed state of the treasury, would be most acceptable to every Southern interest. And so with his Pacific Railroad. Motives no less unworthy are imputed to his efforts in this connection, so that, North and South, notwithstanding these comprehensive schemes to conciliate popular favor, he seems to have forfeited all confidence. The incongruities, conflicts and incompatibilities of his political web could not fail to rouse suspicions and doubts, and the result is now visible in the abandoned position which he occupies.

HUNTER, it appears, was fully alive to the effect upon his own political destiny of the success of this grand policy. Opposed from the start to the proposed appropriation of $30,000,000 to open negotiations for the purchase of Cuba, he intercepts that policy in the most effectual manner by cutting off the chief resources whence this sum could be obtained. While the $30,000,000 could be secured by loan, it is hardly possible that Congress would resort to any such means to obtain it, in view of this obvious indisposition to provide for its repayment. The adoption of HUNTER'S resolution is assumed as a practical refusal on the part of the Democratic members of the Senate, to favor any scheme of territorial expansion, or internal improvement, involving a draft upon the present crippled financial resources of the country; and a complete repudiation of the Cuba and Pacific Railroad policy of the President. Mark how shrewdly he applies himself to the task of neutralizing the grand aim and end of the President in his comprehensive scheme, thus effectually destroying the great overruling motive which dictated the recommendations of the last Message. But how is this likely to affect the Presidential prospects of HUNTER? The defeat of the Protective tariff scheme may give him some strength in the South; but it will hardly enhance his prospects in the Keystone State, without which Democratic ascendancy would immediately cease. The very assurance of an adverse result in that State, in the event of his nomination, would render his rejection by the Charleston Convention an overruling necessity, so that in seeking to conciliate the Southern section, which is understood to be his policy, he forfeited the support of a State without whose vote the whole united South would avail nothing towards securing his nomination or election. The general opinion here is that he is rather injured than benefited in his Presidential prospects by this movement. Availability consists not merely in commanding united Southern support, which in HUNTER'S case is even very doubtful. It means popularity North and South, which he evidently lacks. So far as I can perceive, this late movement of his is by no means agreeable to his friends. They would have far preferred an adherence to his usual say-nothing policy. If he has injured Old Buck, he has, unquestionably, done himself no service.

The Hon. HENRY A. EDMUNDSON, the present member of Congress from the Twelfth Congressional District in this State, is again in the field for reelection. Before he announced himself a candidate, a disposition was gaining ground in favor of a Convention, but it is now supposed that such a formality will be dispensed with. Mr. EDMUNDSON'S popularity precludes the possibility of a choice of any other candidate over him, so long as he chooses to serve.

The University of Virginia is in a more prosperous condition now than it is known to have been since its foundation by the illustrious JEFFERSON. It has, at this time, over six hundred students, numbering among them representatives from almost all the States of the Union and the nations of Europe. This remarkable success is the more surprising, in view of the prevalence of a malignant typhoid fever in the institution some twelve months ago. This, however, was but temporary, the cause—bad sewerage and defective arrangements in the construction of the lower dooring—being effectually removed. This visitation has led to the establishment of strict rules of hygiene, which must render the institution secure against any similar visitation in the future.

A Democratic Convention will be held in this town in March next, to nominate a candidate for Commissioner of the Board of Public Works for the Southern District of the State. This Board, as you are doubtless aware, is the financial agent of the State. It is through it that the State negotiates all her financial operations for internal improvement purposes. The Legislature makes the necessary appropriations, and the Board of Public Works obtains the money on the credit of the State, subject to the legal limitations in the matter of interest, which is six per cent. They are, also, invested with a supervisory power over the works as they progress. The Commissioner whose place is to be filled is Mr. BOYD, of Wytheville, in southwestern Virginia—the same gentleman who, it will be remembered, rebuked Ex-President COMFORT for taking his seat at the dining table in his hotel, before the lady passengers were seated. The Ex-President was then on his way from New-Orleans to New-York, just after his flight from Mexico.

I have recently heard an amusing anecdote about Gov. WISE, which is worth recording. On the occasion of his visit to the town of Liberty, thirty miles west of this, during the celebrated campaign of 1855, to address the people, he was introduced to a Mr. FOUT, whose residence was at the foot of the Peaks of Otter. After the introduction Mr. F. addressed Mr. WISE as follows:

Mr. F.—"I am glad to see you, Mr. WISE."

Mr. W.—"I am happy to see you, Mr. FOUT."

Mr. F.—"I am sorry I can't vote for you, Mr. WISE."

Mr. W.—"I am sorry for that, too; but this is a free country, and a man can vote as he pleases."

Mr. F.—"My employment in early life, and indeed until recently, was a thimble-rigger. I have been always attending horse races with my thimbles and ball, crying out, 'tis here and 'tain't there' and 'tain't here and 'tis there.' For many years a celebrated little horse, named *Wazy*, was winner of the stakes on every course that I was accustomed to attend. Bets were made 'ten' to 'one' upon him against the whole track, and he never failed to win. While engaged one day at a race, in my usual occupation, I noticed the ugliest, raw-boniest, scrawniest, most ragged-hipped looking beast you ever did see, led into the track, and his name was *Wee Hawk*. I was soon told that he was entered against *Wazy*, and 'ten' to 'one' was readily offered against him. I looked at *Wee Hawk*. He seemed wretched, but he had fire in his eye. I then looked at my pile, and I said, if I bet on *Wazy* and win I won't win much, but if I bet on *Wee Hawk* and win, I will increase my pile tenfold. I looked again at *Wee Hawk* and seeing the fire in his eye, I concluded I'd bet. I did so and won. I never did see, Mr. WISE, a man so like a horse as you are like *Wee Hawk*, and though I can't vote for you I'll bet my pile on you."

Mr. WISE laughed heartily, and the result soon proved that the fire was there.

The California Mail Service—Contest of the Different Lines.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 3, 1859.

As the session draws to a close a good deal of anxiety is manifested in reference to the fate of the steam lines whose contracts expire in October, for carrying the mails to California. The Pacific Mail Company, who have most at stake, is in great trouble. The large sum for "black mail" paid to VANDERBILT, ($40,000 per month,) is used as an argument against them, and being more than they ask of the Government as a subsidy is a reason, and a strong one, why they should not receive anything more than the portage upon the mail matter carried in their ships, which would amount to about $300,000 for a semi-monthly service.

The application of this rule to the Tehuantepec Route would not be satisfactory, but as that is exclusively a Southern organization, Southern men like HUNTER, MASON, HAMMOND and others, who, upon principle, are consistent against protection, and committed to treat all interests alike, would oppose any subsidy that would bear the construction of special legislation to benefit even their own people. Dr. GWIN, the War-Horse of California, is opposed to all monopolies. His reasoning is severe upon steam interests, but there is force in his conclusions; he will oppose any concession from the Government beyond portage. The Postmaster-General, now a candidate for the Presidency, is very cautious in his movements; in conversation he favors all the lines, but to the public he will not advocate a different policy from Senator GWIN.

A mail line by sea will be kept up with California. If all by one route, the receipts from portages will be ample compensation for the service. As the California mail frequently weighs twenty-five to thirty tons, it is impossible to send it by any other transit than the Panama Railroad. The discussion of the claims of the different lines has convinced a majority of both Houses, that it is better to let them work out their own salvation by the Government standing aside and having the whole service open to competition; this will insure the service being better done than by giving a large subsidy, which would certainly be paid to buy off some ambitious steamboat owner who might be disposed to run opposition.

Remonstrance against Changing our Divorce Law.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I have seen with pain, from your yesterday's report of proceedings in our State Legislature, that a Mr. MORRIS has introduced a bill materially changing our law of Divorce, and assimilating it to the lax provisions which prevail in many of our sister States.

No subject of greater importance can be touched by our law-makers, for it lies at the foundation of the social state. Amidst a general laxity, or, at least, indifference, in regard to moral principles—wide-spread corruption in public affairs—the degradation of our judiciary—the feeble administration of the laws, and the bold contempt with which, in natural sequence, they are treated by the most profligate characters, and the subjection of everything that concerns the welfare, the stability and the honor of the country, to the whims and caprices of the moment, and the selfish purposes of political adventurers—it has been a solid ground of hope amid the gloomy reflections these things excite, that in this State, at least, we have thus far held on to the sanctity of the marriage bed, the basis of domestic virtue. Our law is founded on the inspired doctrine of Him who made man, and who best knows what becomes him. It recognizes the indissoluble nature of marriage, except for the breach of its mysterious and essential rite. This provision cannot be bettered. It rests on an elementary moral principle, and is bound up with the best instincts and affections of our nature; and it is moreover the most effective curb on licentiousness and unstable propensities. Throw open the door of divorce *à vincule*, to family bickerings and fancied wrongs, and within one year there will be a thousands starting to seek, who now do not think of it, and when the applications are by the weaker sex, they will be nearly sure of success.

It behooves the sober and reflecting classes of the community to bestir themselves on this subject. The most of our pernicious changes have been carried over the slumbers of the people. The earnest resistance of the sound sense of the community will effectually quell this foolish and meddling project. Let the respectable Press sound the alarm, and it will be done. VIGIL.

The Commencement of Work on the Isthmus Railway—Letter from Mr. Holcomb.

GRANBY, Conn., Sunday, Jan. 23, 1859.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

An article has recently appeared in *Harper's Magazine*, giving a description of the Panama Railroad, and alluding to the officers connected with that work during its construction. I will not quarrel with the writer for the oblivion to which I am consigned, for I would rather experience the "silence of neglect," than be "damn'd with faint praise"—a fate that has awaited some of my old comrades. Neither will I blame the writer for the numerous errors his account contains; for, as he says, he received his information from the Chief Engineer, Col. GEORGE M. TORREY, and from books and pamphlets submitted to his inspection; and he may have been intentionally misled in his statements.

In the name of justice and fair-play, however—having borne the burden and heat of the day—I must protest against others receiving credit for what I did, viz.: *the commencement of work on the Isthmus Railway.*

The Panama Railroad was not built by two or three men, as it would be inferred from reading the article alluded to. There is a long list of good and efficient officers who were engaged on that work.

I claim to have been the first Superintendent employed by the Panama Railroad Company—having a hand in building that *first house* at Aspinwall, and for a long time had charge of the construction of the Aspinwall division of the road. I resigned my office, on account of the inroad that a long residence in the tropics had made upon my health, and against the solicitations of the Chief Engineer.

Those who know of my connection with the Panama Railroad will get the impression, by reading the account published in *Harper's Magazine*, that I had not served the Company faithfully or with credit to myself. I will say, in explanation, that the probable cause of the unfairness with which I have been treated by the Chief Engineer, Col. TORREY, is a private difference with his brother.

I have no other charge to make against Col. TORREY; for during the six years I followed his fortunes in South America, up to the time of the difficulty referred to, which occurred after I left the Panama Railroad Company's employ, I received nothing but kindness at his hands. R. E. HOLCOMB.

Judson Starr, a lad of 15, has confessed setting fire to Judge Maltby's barn, at Hartford, Conn., on Wednesday evening. The boy's father is a wooden ware

THE ITALIAN QUESTION.

A Final Letter from Count Louis Kasinski.

We yield to the urgent request of [illegible] and print the following reply to the letter of Count KASINSKI, which we published a few days ago. We shall decline peremptorily any communication of a polemic character which has very little interest to the public at large.

TO COUNT LOUIS KASINSKI.

SIR: For the sake of brevity, I will note but a few of the many blunders contained in your letter. The words

I. "*The insinuation that Charles Albert commanded thereon, for his own aggrandisement, is a pure invention of his enemies.*"

The insinuator is CHARLES ALBERT himself; here is the document:

The Hon. R. Amerigo, Assembly to Viscount Palomenos:

"TURIN, July 20, 1848.

This morning was communicated to me a letter written entirely by his Sardinian Majesty, in that letter, dated Roverbella, 7th inst. his Sardinian Majesty declares that he would accept propositions from Austria which gave the Adige for the Eastern frontier of this country, and which recognized the annexation to Piedmont of Lombardy and the Duchies of Parma and Modena." Gov., part 3, p. 41.

If CHARLES ALBERT fought for Italian independence, as you assert, would he have thus have consigned Venice to the Austrian for the sake of aggrandizing his own dominions by the annexation of Lombardy, Parma and Modena?

II. "*As for your authorities, it would be useless to question them; they are not authentic enough to prove your assertions, being entirely of a private nature, and the least to say factious, not even excepting the history of Farini, who is noted for his Red Republican principles, and hostile to any kind of monarchy.*"

My chief authorities are the Blue Books containing the official correspondence between the British Government and its Consuls and Ambassadors in Italy in 1848-49, presented to both Houses of Commons by order of the Queen of England. These documents are public, and as I informed you in my last letter, my copies are entirely at your service. FARINI, so far from being a Republican, is the relentless enemy of Republicans, as every page of his book declares. In 1852, FARINI was a Piedmontese Minister, to-day he is a member of the Piedmontese Chamber of Deputies; moreover, his seat is in the centre, and BROFFERIO, VALERIO, DI PRETIS, &c., and all the members of the left, are too liberal Monarchists for this *sot-disant* Republican.

III. "*The defeat of the Sardinian Army at Novara is the direct consequence of its demoralization, produced by emissaries of your political creed.*"

Indeed! The Piedmontese Minister then in power, did not seem of your opinion. Chamber of Deputies, March 27, 1849. LARSA, (to-day a Piedmontese Minister,) asks—how it is that 30,000 Austrians defeated, in three days, 120,000 Piedmontese?—and declares that it must have been accomplished by treachery. "The infamous ones," he exclaimed, "they took the soldiers in their weak point. Here, gentlemen, is one of the notes found on a soldier. 'Soldiers, who do you imagine you are fighting for? The King is betrayed! The Republic is proclaimed at Turin.'" To this, PINELLI, Prime Minister, replies:

"It is just that the House and the entire nation should know the causes of these unhappy events, but I believe that the House will appreciate the necessity of these explanations being given in a private sitting. The Chambers will understand that if we have anything to blush for, it is better that our shame lie buried in the shade and not be shown publicly."

Would PINELLI have hidden those facts in the shade if the "shame" of which he spoke could by any artifice have been affixed to the Republican name? And why was the inquiry afterwards ordered by the Chamber into the causes of the catastrophe suffocated? Perhaps out of tenderness for the fair fame of those same Republicans whom the Piedmontese Government calumniates from morning to night.

IV. *All the faits d'armes fought by Italian volunteers as stated by you were Tuscans; and as to the engagement at Governolo, which you attribute to a legion from Parma and Modena, I, among the rest of the Piedmontese army, always counted that victory as a proof of the excellence of Piedmontese artillery.*

You, Sir, are at liberty to believe all the fables that you please, but your fables are not history. Volunteers from Parma and Modena, commanded by Major FONTANA and Captain LONGONI, fought at Governolo, and FONTANA'S order to attack with the bayonet, obeyed by those volunteers, put the Austrians to flight. And the defenders of Vicenza, of Treviso, of the Alps, in short the 40,000 volunteers enumerated in my last letter, were they Tuscans? were they Piedmontese? Consult the said Blue Books, CARLO CATTANEO, MASSIMO D'AZELIO, Ex-Prime Minister of Piedmont, General BAVA, CARRANO, etc., if you are ignorant of these facts.

V. *It adds but little credit to your assumed authority to cite Mariani as the author of the political military history of 1848, there being no such author.*

For your especial benefit I deposit the two volumes of the said MARIANI'S history with the editor of the TIMES.

VI. *The defences of Venice and Rome do not belong to the war of independence of Italy as understood by Piedmont and a large number of Republicans; they are the fruits of a republican movement which developed itself in Italy after the declaration of a republic in France.*

Here is a very nest of blunders. First of all, Italy did not wait for the French Republic to revolt; she commenced her struggle against the King of Naples on the 12th January, 1848, thirty-seven days before the French Revolution. The accidental cause of the outburst of the revolution of Venice and Milan against the Austrians was the insurrection of Vienna a month after the French Revolution. The Roman Republic was proclaimed the 9th February, 1849, when the French Republic, proclaimed in 1848, had already fallen into the lap of reaction, when LOUIS BONAPARTE had been chosen President two months before. What then had the French Republic to do with the Republic of Rome and Venice? It sent an expedition to destroy the former, and succeeded. *Vaila tout.* According to you, Republic and Independence are contradictory terms. What have you to say then to the United States of America? What induced Rome and Venice? what induced the 33,000 volunteers from the other parts of Italy to spill their best blood combating the Austrians and the French, if it was not the independence of Italy? Do you suppose they did this for a gymnastic exercise?

VIII. *Among the new institutions granted by Victor Emanuel, which you say would require columns to enumerate, (!) you cite the law of Siccardi and the exile of the Archbishop Franzoni as alone enough to prove satisfactorily with what courage, good faith and firmness the Government and the Piedmontese people are advancing in constitutional reform.*

To these I add the third institution, the law on monasteries, which consists not in the confiscation of the possessions of the monks, but merely in a different distribution of these possessions among the different monasteries, thus leaving this ulcer, inherited from the middle ages, unhealed in the heart of Piedmont.

The *law of Siccardi* consists in subjecting the clergy to the penal code in common with other citizens, a law given in the last century to the Neapolitans by the Bourbons; to the Tuscans by PIETRO LEOPOLDO; to the Austrian Empire by JOSEPH II.! These are all the "institutions" that you or any one else can cite as granted by VICTOR EMANUEL, all his other acts have been one continued demolition of the Statute. True you call an "institution" the exile of the Archbishop FRANZONI. With this logic the stake of the Turk, the Pope's cavaletto, the Austrian's thrashing machine, BOMBA'S cap of silence, the Czar's knout, are also *institutions which prove with what courage, good faith and firmness, the said Governments advance in constitutional reforms.*

FRANZONI violated the laws of the State, therefore he ought to have been tried and condemned according to the laws of that State. The punishment of exile does not exist in the code of Piedmont, does not even exist in the Austrian code, therefore the exile of FRANZONI was an act of despotism and of barbarity.

VIII. *The Italians expelled from Piedmont, without trial, as you assert, are criminals and other low specimens of humanity sent expressly by other Governments of the Peninsula into Piedmont for the purpose of discrediting this country, and here I assert once more that not a single political character has been expelled without a legal trial.*

Further on you admit that *Piedmont obliges its few enemies, the Red Republicans, to seek proselytes and sympathies in foreign lands.*

Thus you divide exiles into three categories, "*criminals and other low specimens of humanity,*" "*political characters and Red Republicans.*" The first and the last are banished without trial; the second with trial. Will you produce the name of a single Italian banished from Piedmont in accordance with a sentence from the Tribunal? As I stated above, such a sentence would be illegal. It is true that from fifteen to twenty political exiles in Piedmont were tried for the attempt of the 20th June, in Genoa, 1857. All without exception were declared innocent by the Genoese Tribunal, and all without exception were banished from the State. Are these the trials to which you allude? To what higher grade of despotism could the Piedmontese Government attain? It first tried to send these patriots to the galleys, and, failing, sent them into a second exile.

And Governor MAZZINI, Governor GUERRERI, General GARIBALDI, Col. SIROTTI, Colonel CAUCI, DUNCOR GIOVINI, ultra monarchists, &c., &c., &c., banished without trial—in which category do you place them? And the Hungarians given back to Austria to be shot, And the Advocate GALANI—Ex-Deputy of the Roman Assembly—now resident in New-York, a man universally honored and respected here, is he a *criminal, a low specimen of humanity, or a Red Republican?* As I cannot from this distance call on the patrols named above to support my assertions, I refer you to GALANI'S *Roman Exile*, (which you can procure at SCRIBNER, BLAKEMAN & Co.'s, New-York.) Turn to page 449, and you will find these words:

"On the 6th of February, 1853, a revolutionary movement against the Austrians took place in Milan, but this movement, through many reasons not to be explained now, remained isolated; it was, therefore, easily suppressed by the Austrians, by means of an extensive and indiscriminate slaughter. I was suspected of having taken an active part in that movement, together with many other refugees living in Piedmont. There were no proofs, however, and no trial made against us; but we were diplomatically sent into exile, the limited space of twenty-four hours only being given us to leave the State."

If this desire for the expulsion of the Austrians from Italy constitutes a Red Republican, then indeed the Peninsula swarms with them, but Red Republicans in the common acceptance of the term do not exist in Italy. The Republicans there aspire after independence, national sovereignty, liberty of thought and conscience, hence the abolition of the Papacy, of domestic tyranny and the expulsion of all foreign rulers. He with this end in view that they preach a national insurrection as the only means of salvation—that they own their faith boldly and suffer for it on the scaffold, in the galleys and in exile. They are Republicans because they consider a Republican Government as the most conformable to man's dignity, and because experience has proved that in Italy no monarchy is either willing or able to cancel the Papacy and expel the foreigners from Italy, and remain a nation. Is it, then, a crime that nation once emancipated the Republicans have [illegible]

The Overland Mail Route—Letter from the Messenger of Butterfield & Co.'s Express.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Feb. 5, 1859.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In a late number of the TIMES occurs the following statement concerning the time made by the Overland Mail in delivering the President's Message in California:

"The Salt Lake Mail courier left St. Joseph, Mo., on the 14th December, with the President's Message, and carried it through to Placerville, Cal., in seventeen days and eight hours, beating the Butterfield Express with the Message, two days and twelve hours."

Having performed a large part of the journey as messenger for Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & Co., in carrying the President's Message, I will state the facts. I was engaged to take charge of a large amount of gold and silver coin, horse shoes and nails, harness, men's clothing, and various other articles, to distribute as directed, between St. Louis and Tucson. These articles were gathered at St. Louis, and I was ready to start on Monday, the 6th of December last, at 9 o'clock A. M. Mr. S. M. ALLEN gave me a small bag containing the President's Message, and a line from Mr. BUTTERFIELD, directing me to take charge of it and the mail to the end of my journey.

I left St. Louis as before stated, and in going across Missouri we found the roads very bad as far as Red River, there being deep mud a great portion of the way—the rivers and streams, as a general thing, full and overflowing their banks. (On my return those roads were dry and perfectly good.) We traveled along very well, considering the load, our animals being mostly prime four and six horse and mule teams, many of them as good as ever looked through a collar. Between Tipton and Tucson there are one hundred and ten stations for changing animals, varying in distance from seven to forty miles. I believe there are only three forty-mile drives from St. Louis to Tucson. At this point I delivered the mails and message, on Sunday, the 19th of December. It reached San Francisco on Friday, the 24th, at 9 o'clock A. M. On my return I stopped at every station. We had from four to seven passengers on our return trip. One of them, a very reliable gentleman from St. Louis, told me he was in San Francisco when the Message arrived by the Overland Butterfield Mail. He also told me that when he took the stage for St. Louis, on Monday, the 27th of December, at 12 o'clock, noon, neither the Northern line, nor the steamer from New-York, which had the Message, had arrived in the city, and they had no telegraphic news that they were coming. This passenger gave the same account to Mr. S. M. ALLEN.

The mails leave St. Louis and Memphis the same day, and intersect at Fort Smith, and are carried across the country, 2,745 miles, in about 22 days as a general thing. The greater part of the route is entirely uninhabited except by the employes of the Company. I regard it as the best natural road for its length in the world. It is true, there are some difficult places on the route—sand, mountains, river bottoms, &c. The superintendents, conductors, drivers and employes cannot be surpassed, if equaled for energy in the world; they do their utmost to make all who pass over the line comfortable and happy. The living is not quite as good as you would see at the St. Nicholas or the Astor House, but it is much better than many of the poorer classes have in the East or West. They have at all the stations bread, beef, bacon, venison, wild game of almost every kind, beans, and many other vegetables in abundance, and dried fruits of various kinds. The red skins have been rather troublesome by their depredations upon the stock in some places, but if properly schooled they will, most likely, do better in future. It should be borne in mind that on the 18th of August last there was not a stake driven toward the erection of the above stations. They are now comfortably furnished with feed and furniture for employes and passengers, many of them elegantly so, considering the short time that has been afforded the Company for this purpose.

Yours respectfully, W. H. PARDEE.

Military Commutation and Exemption.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The Editor of the NEW-YORK TIMES is respectfully requested to enlighten some of his aged readers on the subject of military commutation and exemption.

To-day a notice was left at my house, where I have lived for the last five years, that, if within five days I did not call at a specified place, my household furniture would be levied upon to pay certain military fines, and that no property would be exempt from execution, whereupon I repaired to a shanty on Sixth-avenue, nearly a mile above Union-square, and informed the incumbent of the judicial chair that I had been exempted for some years by age; that I had made the same statement years before in Elm-street, with the assurance that nothing more would be necessary. I asked them if anything was to pay; they said "No." To-day, however, I was informed that if I paid 75 cents to have my name registered, I would never be troubled again, but on asking for a receipt, to show in case of future need, it was refused, on the ground that it would not be necessary, as the name would be entered on the exempt list. At this juncture a gentleman, aged sixty-one, one of our most estimable and honored citizens, came in, stating a double exemption by age and by nine years' military service, and that he had before been promised that no further trouble would be given him. Scarcely had he made his statement when another of our prominent citizens entered, exempted also by age and seven years' military service, resident in the same house many years, having been assured three several times before, that he would not be troubled again.

Are our citizens to be called from their business every year to go several miles up town, on such peremptory summons as these, during the most valuable hours of the day? Ought I to have paid my seventy-five cents? And can no remedy be provided to rectify this nuisance? Very many pay the charge rather than have "trouble," and do not care to take the trouble to complain through the papers, and least of all to consult a lawyer, at the expense of five dollars, as to whether they should pay seventy-five cents.

LEX ET JUS.

Access to the Central Park.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1859.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

As there are a large number of visitors daily to the skating-pond in Central Park, who go by the way of the Third-avenue Railroad *via* Seventy-first-street, and as there is not at present a "decent" walk or way through said street to the Park, except by plowing ankle deep through worse than "Jersey mud," that "sticketh closer than a brother," allow me to suggest to the said Railroad Company, or any one else, to put on at once a line of wagons to run to the pond through Seventy-first-street and back to the line of the Third-avenue Railroad, or lay down plank on each side of the road, for those going and coming, and within the walls, plank or gravel, or anything dry to walk on to the ice. As it is now, it is really too bad to compel "*ladies, especially,*" to *wade ankle deep* through this "rich mud" to reach the pond. Do, Mr. Editor, give this a place in your columns, and have something done, and that *immediately*, and you will receive the thanks of many ladies and a

CONSTANT READER AND SUBSCRIBER.

How to Improve the Broadway Pavement.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I am sorry to see in yesterday's TIMES that the Aldermen of New-York are going to mutilate the best paved street in the world (I believe.) I will give a suggestion

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDAR—MONDAY, FEB. 7.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.—Nos. 63, 69, 77, 84, 86, 44, 66, 62, 63, 160, 29, 41, 48, 49, 42.

SUPREME—Circuit.—Nos. 131, 21, 509, 461, 951, 41, 97, 35, 9, 143, 187, 189, 169, 171, 175, 166, 181, 183, 305.

SUPREME COURT—TRIAL TERM.—Nos. 209, 271, 273, 287, 229, 231, 235, 239, 241, 243, 169, 145, 263, 265, 269, 275, 285, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 417.

COMMON PLEAS—*Part I.*—Nos. 243, 245, 250, 252, 254, 256, 257, 259, 299 to 303, 289, 290, 297. *Part II.*—105, 128, 144, 148, 149, 157, 173, 174, 182, 185, 203, 214, 235, 236, 238.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE—SATURDAY, Feb. 5.

Before Commissioner Bridgham.

THE SUSPECTED COIN.

Edward L. Kent, a refiner of the United States Assay Office, sworn—Witness examined the coin passed to Catharine Cleary, by cutting the edge and weighing it; it was found to weigh six grains less than a genuine coin; platina may have been introduced without altering its specific gravity; its value is on a six dollars per ounce, while the value of gold is nearer $20; Lambkuhl's coin was five and a half grains short; it was not worn much, and could not have lost five and a half grains by friction; there appeared to be on the edges three strata in the metal introduced; Holster's coin was six grains short, and looked as if the edge had been cut out and another metal inserted. Mr. Reilly's nine coins were all from five to six grains short, and were debased coins.

Cross-examination—They are illegal because deficient in standard weight, and have been tampered with; they are also deficient in weight; they have the rim cut out and other metal inserted; the rim of the coin shows this; these false coins weigh 121 grains, while they should weigh 130; a good coin was found to weigh 129¾, of 1856; one of the untrue coins of the same date weighed 121; the difference in the weight alone is insufficient to show how much the piece has been deteriorated in value.

Policeman Dilks asked to alter his testimony as regarded his conversation with Mrs. Hewett. Adjourned to Monday at 1 P. M.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—FEB. 5.

Before Justice Sutherland.

Henry Bruns vs. *Charlotte Bruns.*—Report confirmed, and judgment of divorce granted.

Sarah E. Porter vs. *James C. Porter et al.*—Motion denied, without costs to either party.

Before Justice Clerke.

Henry P. North vs. *Chester Carpenter et al.*—The petition is addressed to Judge Ingraham, and, as the notice states that it will be presented to him, I cannot entertain it. It is not a proceeding under the code, and therefore must be presented to the Judge mentioned in the petition. Besides, the notice is for the 1st inst.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—Feb. 5.

Before Justice Mitchell.

David Banks, Receiver of the East River Bank vs. *William Carney, &c.*—The premises in question are occupied by Compton, the tenant of John Carney. The title thereto is in the latter. An action was instituted to set aside the conveyance from the defendants to John Carney, and a decree made setting the same aside so far as the plaintiffs in that action are concerned. Other actions have been commenced with the same object, and are now pending. The Receiver should be left to pursue such right as he may possess, or as he may be advised in the premises.

The present application must be denied without costs.

Before Justice Hoffman.

The Bowery Bank vs. *John Lynch et. al.*—On defendant's giving security to pay the demand, and paying $10 cost of opposing motion, the judgment to be set aside, and the party let in to file his answer in five days from service of a copy of this order.

Before Justice Pierrepont.

David C. Lee vs. *Arnold Wood, et al.*—Case settled.

SURROGATE'S COURT.

In the matter of the estate of Mary Mount.—This is a proceeding to settle the accounts of the administrator of the said estate. On the return of the citation certain of the next of kin of the deceased, (the brothers and sisters, and children of deceased brothers and sisters,) appeared and filed allegations, setting forth that some of the parties cited before the Surrogate were not born in lawful wedlock, but are illegitimate, and not entitled to any share in the distribution of the estate. This allegation is now at issue, and testimony is offered on behalf of the contestants in support of their exclusive claim to the estate. The circumstances now brought to light go back for a period of over forty years in England, and the records of the Parish Churches in different parts of England have been thoroughly overhauled by virtue of a commission issued by the Surrogate for the purpose of bringing to light the registration of the marriages, baptisms and births of the different parties figuring in this domestic drama. The case is still on. Charles Edwards, Esq., for administrator. John Cook, Esq., for claimants.

Matter of the estate of Dan. Brush.—The probate of the will in this case is opposed on the ground of undue influence exercised over the testator by his wife and son.

The will leaves the real estate to the wife for life, and directs it to be sold by his executors at her death, and the proceeds divided among his children then living. It gives her all the personal property, and appoints James Brush and Gilbert Nehrman executors. The will was executed in 1855, and the testator died in 1856.

The contestants show that the testator had an attack of paralysis about three months prior to the time of his making the will, which rendered him physically helpless and infirm of mind, and peculiarly liable to undue influence; and they charge that his wife and son exerted an improper influence and pressure to induce him to make his will. The case was commenced to-day with the examination of the nurse who attended him to prove this.

Geo. N. Bellows for executors; E. W. Stoughton for contestants.

In the matter of the Estate of Patrick Breslin.—This was an application for a re-sale of certain real estate sold by virtue of an order of the Surrogate about a year ago for the payment of the debts of the deceased. The executors made a return of their proceedings and asked for an order confirming the sale, which was opposed by the heirs at law on the ground that upon a re-sale more than ten per cent. in addition to the sum bid on said sale, exclusive of the expenses of a new sale, could be obtained for the property in question.

It appeared from the testimony taken that the sale was legally made and fairly conducted, and that unusual precautions had been taken by the Executors to obtain a fair price; but it also appeared that the sum bid at said sale was disproportionate to the value of the property, and that at least ten per cent, there being exclusive of the expenses of a new sale could be obtained, if the property were again offered at auction. The Surrogate thereupon refused to confirm the sale and that another sale be had. John H. McCann and E. C. Fellows, for the purchaser. John M. White, for Executor. John E. Develin, for heirs-at-law.

Business of February Term.

Our Courts have a large amount of work marked out for February.

In the Supreme Court, Oyer and Terminer, the Stevens' murder trial is expected to come off. It is set down for the 14th.

The Supreme Court will also have three other branches in session. The General Term will be held by Justices ROSEVELT, DAVIES and CLERKE. The Circuit by Justice SUTHERLAND, and the Chambers, Special Term, by Justice INGRAHAM. A number of important cases are awaiting argument on the General Term Calendar.

In the Common Pleas, Judges DALY and BRADY will hold parts first and second of the Trial Term. Judge HILTON will sit at Chambers.

GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Feb. 5, 1859—6 P. M.

The reported receipts of the principal kinds of Produce, since our last, have been: 23 bbls. Ashes, 5,730 bbls. Flour, 10,500 bushels Corn, 2,600 bushels Oats, 4,679 bushels Malt, 1,129 pkgs. Provisions, and 300 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Continue in lively request and are now quoted at $5 75 for Pots, and (nominally) $6 for Pearls, ⅌ 100 lbs. Stock in the Inspection warehouse, this morning, 1,884 bbls., including 1,394 bbls. Pots, and 351 bbls. Pearls.

BANK—Sales in Philadelphia, 80 hhds. No. 1 Quercitron at $31 ⅌ ton.

CANDLES—Adamantine have been more sought after, chiefly at from 8½c. @ 9c. ⅌ lb. Sperm and Tallow remain as last noticed.

COFFEE—Sales have been made to-day of 1,700 bags Rio, part at 11c. @ 11¼c. ⅌ lb.

COTTON—Has been very lightly dealt in, sales having been confined to 500 bales at irregular prices, including some Middling Upland at 11⅝c. ⅌ lb.

EARTHENWARE—About all the available supplies, in first hands, have been disposed of, prices ruling incredibly.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market is quiet for State and Western Flour, to-day. Holders are firm, yet the inquiry is restricted. Regular dealers are purchasing reservedly. Speculators do not appear to buy. Sales 7,000 bbls.

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Democratic Party.

From the Richmond Examiner (Democratic.)

There are breakers ahead, however, more to be apprehended than any which we have thus far escaped, and upon which there seems to be a strong desire in certain quarters to wreck the National Democratic Party. The acquiescence of the people of the United States in the increase of the expenditures of the Government when the National Treasury was full to overflowing, and the country plethoric with prosperity in all its channels of trade and commerce, has led many unstabling politicians to believe that the terrible party cry of "Retrenchment and Reform" will never be heard again in this country. No party, however strong, can withstand the accusation of having recklessly and extravagantly expended the public treasure. Such a charge arouses the most violent prejudices of the people, and woe unto that political party against which it is directed. In 1840 it swept through the country like a tornado, buried the Democratic Party from power, and bore almost every Democratic candidate from his emoluments in Ohio and Virginia. Men did not stop to investigate the charges against us; they knew that the Treasury was empty, that we were borrowing money, and that the expenditures of the Government had been increased during the administration of Martin Van Buren, and they threw Van Buren and his friends out of the White House. We now are rushing upon the brink of the very precipice from which Van Buren was hurled in 1840. The Treasury is empty, our expenses are double the revenue of the Government, and we are borrowing from twenty to thirty millions of dollars to meet the existing deficit. The customs are yielding only $40,000,000 per annum, while the necessary expenditures of the Government are nearly $80,000,000. You are to be pressed by the Executive Department of the Government to action the present as an appropriate time for the creation of a national debt, which would render the very name of the National Democratic Party odious with the masses for the next quarter of a century. To carry out the Mexican Revenue Annexation of an annual production in Mexico would cost the country, it has been estimated, $100,000,000, besides the probability of another war with that country. To construct the Pacific Railroad desired by the President would cost certainly $150,000,000, while the purchase of Cuba, if accomplished at all at this time would cost $100,000,000. This would give us a grand total of $250,000,000 to pay the interest on, which would require the sum of $20,000,000, or about three-fourths of our present national revenue, and render it necessary for us to borrow annually some fifty or sixty millions to defray the expenses of the Government. This would be a splendid legacy for the Administration to leave to a

DRY GOODS.

SAFETY!
COMFORT!!
AND
ELEGANCE!!!
ARE SECURED BY WEARING
DOUGLAS & SHERWOOD'S
NEW
MATINEE SKIRT,
WITH THE
PATENT DETACHABLE
HOOP FASTENING
AND
ADJUSTABLE BUSTLE.

SAFETY!! since it effectually obviates the danger arising from entangling the feet, or having substances in the hoops!

COMFORT!! because the muslin skirt can be instantaneously removed from the springs by PATENT DETACHABLE FASTENINGS, washed, with other garments, and at no greater expense, and replaced on the hoops in a minute!

ELEGANCE!! because the substantial end of the muslin skirt, and the fine material of which it is composed, give a graceful fall to the robe worn over it; and will, in bad weather, enable the wearer to disperse with dirty intermediate skirt.

The MATINEE SKIRT has drawn forth Medals but one contest, is STAMPED WITH THE TRADE MARK of Messrs. DOUGLAS & SHERWOOD, and is the best SKIRT now introduced to the Public, and quite indispensable to every lady who desires to combine in her apparel SAFETY, COMFORT and ELEGANCE! For sale at all Mercantile stores in the United States and Canada.

FAMILY DRY GOODS.

ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO. will offer at retail,
On MONDAY, Feb. 7,
An immense stock of staple Dry Goods, which they will sell at unusually low prices,
consisting in part of
SUPER. BARNSLEY TABLE DAMASKS, NAPKINS TOWELINGS, and SHEETINGS,
Also,
JACONETS, CAMBRICS, SWISS and MULL MUSLINS, BLANKETS, FLANNELS, &c.
150 cases COTTON SHEETING and SHIRTINGS, at manufacturers' prices.
Canal, corner of Mercer st.

MOURNING GOODS.

ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO.,
Corner Canal and Mercer sts.,
are now offering at retail,
A LARGE STOCK OF MOURNING DRESS GOODS,
Imported for Spring Sales.

481 BROADWAY.
Important to Housekeepers.
G. M. BODINE
Will open on MONDAY, Feb. 7,
One of the largest stocks of
Housekeeping Goods
In the City, at unusually low prices.

481 BROADWAY.
G. M. BODINE,
Will open on MONDAY, Feb. 7,
Great bargains in Black Silks,
100 pieces of Bayadere Black at 50c., worth 75c.
100 two-flounced Black Silk Robes at $20 each.
Also, plain Black from $1 to $3 per yard.

481 BROADWAY.
G. M. BODINE,
Will open on MONDAY, Sept. 7,
450 pieces of Spring Silks,
in medium colors.

481 BROADWAY.
G. M. BODINE,
Just received per Steamer,
10,000 yards of Bayadere Victoria Cloth,
at 31 cents per yard,
Worth 75c. 62.

481 BROADWAY.
G. M. BODINE,
Real Paris Embroideries.
5,000 French needle-worked sets from $1 50 to $10,
also,
10,000 needle-worked Collars,
from 5 cents to $5.

481 BROADWAY.
G. M. BODINE,
1,000 dozen Richardson's Irish Linen Napkins,
at $1 25 per dozen,
worth $2.

481 BROADWAY.
G. M. BODINE,
450 dozen of Richardson's Irish Linen Hdkfs.,
at $1 50 per dozen,
Worth $2 50.

SKIRTS, SKIRTS,
FOR THE SPRING TRADE.
OSBORN & VINCENT,
NO. 99 WARREN-ST., NEW-YORK,
Invite merchants generally to examine the
PATENT
IMPERIAL SKIRT,
Manufactured exclusively by them and for sale by all the leading houses.
JOBBERS (only) SUPPLIED.
OSBORN & VINCENT,
Proprietors of the Extension Skirt Patent,
No. 99 Warren-st., New-York.

MOURNING GOODS.
CONTINUATION OF THE GREAT SALE.
GOODS SELLING AT AN IMMENSE SACRIFICE.
GREAT INDUCEMENTS OFFERED TO PURCHASERS.
THE ENTIRE STOCK TO BE SOLD OUT,
TO CLOSE THE BUSINESS.
WEED'S MOURNING STORE,
NO. 479 BROADWAY.

TO HOUSEKEEPERS AND HOTEL-KEEPERS.
A. T. STEWART & CO. have opened
1,000 pieces 5-4 Linen Sheetings, 26 cents per yard.
500 pieces Extra Heavy Cotton Ulica Sheeting, 28 cents per yard.
1,000 pieces Fine American Long Cloth, yard wide, 10 cents per yard.
800 pieces Dimity, 12½ cents per yard.
300 pieces Brilliantes, 12½ cents per yard.
400 pieces Cambric Muslin, 18 cents per yard.
5,000 dozen Towels, Napkins, &c., &c.
Irish Linens, Damasks, Table and Piano Covers, Blankets, Counterpanes, Marseilles Muslins, &c.
With every article in the housekeeping line, imported expressly for the opening of their Spring Trade.
Broadway, Chambers and Reade sts.

SPRING SILKS!
A. T. STEWART & CO.
Will open on Monday, Feb. 7,
A large assortment of
NEW SPRING SILKS, (by the yard.)
Also, new and elegant designs in
TWO-FLOUNCED SILK ROBES.

INDIA CAMELS'-HAIR SHAWLS AND SCARFS.
A. T. STEWART & CO. will open on Monday, Feb. 7, the largest and most attractive stock of REAL INDIA CAMELS'-HAIR SHAWLS AND SCARFS ever exhibited in this country, purchased in London at the last great auction sale.
Broadway, Chambers and Reade sts.

NEW LACES AND EMBROIDERIES.
A. T. STEWART & CO. will open on Monday, Feb. 7,
BRUSSELS LACE POINTS, LACE AND EMBROIDERIES, LINEN CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS, &c.
Including the latest novelties.
Broadway, Chambers and Reade sts.

A. T. STEWART & CO.
Will open on Monday, Feb. 7,
A large variety of Spring Dress Goods.
Broadway, Chambers and Reade sts.

SELLING OFF TO REMOVE.
NOW IS YOUR TIME FOR BARGAINS.
The stock must be sold, as I am about to
REMOVE TO GRAND-ST.
I shall commence my closing-out sale on Monday morning, Feb. 7, and can assure the public that the entire stock will be disposed of at any sacrifice.
The assortment is large, and consists of
MERINOES AND CASSIMERES,
DE LAINES, DRESS GOODS AND SHEETINGS,
SHIRTINGS, LINENS AND TOWELINGS.
Sale to continue for two weeks only.
No. 43 Catharine-st., corner of Madison.

HUDSON BAY FUR COMPANY.
NO. 54 BROADWAY.
IMMENSE SACRIFICE IN
LADIES' FANCY FURS.
Call and convince yourself.
MARK F. KING, No. 54 Broadway.

SILKS! SILKS! SILKS!
150 pieces of new and elegant light Silks for evening and street dresses will be opened on Monday, Feb. 7; also, a job lot, about 1,500 yards, some of which are slightly damaged, at the following extremely low prices, viz: 3s. 6d., 4s., 4s. 6d., 5s. 6d. and 6s., about half the original cost.
CHAS. HEARD & CO., No. 321 Grand-st.

AT RICHMOND'S,
No. 587 BROADWAY,
Opposite the Metropolitan Hotel,
Would call attention to a very large stock of French cambric embroidered bands, choice patterns, at just one-half the price, 12½ yards long; also, a large stock of Valenciennes edgings at 1c. per yard by the piece. Inspection will be sufficient.
RICHMOND,
No. 587 Broadway.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL BELL.—A NEW collection of choice Hymns and Tunes, original and standard, carefully and simply arranged as Solos, Duets, Trios Semi Choruses and Choruses, and for Organ, Melodeon or Piano. This Book contains nearly two hundred Hymns and Tunes, and is one of the best collections for Sabbath Schools ever issued. Price 15 cents each, $12 per hundred; beautifully bound, price 20 cents, or $15 per hundred. Just published by
HORACE WATERS, No. 333 Broadway.

SKIRTS.—TWELVE-SPRING SKELETON SKIRTS, self adjusting bustle, made without sewing, $1 31; 14 springs $1 50, and 17 springs $1. Ladies supplied with 1 spring for $6 per dozen; 13-spring $10, and 14 spring for $12.
C. L. HARDING,
Skirt Factory, No. 323 Spring-st., near Hudson.
N. B.—No connection with the next store.

VELVET AND TAPESTRY CARPETS now receiving from ship Lorenzo, in new patterns, Crossley's make, for sale at low prices at retail by
GEO. H. HYATT,
No. 275 Canal-st. and No. 61 Howard-st.

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H. B. FIRTH,
No. 375 Canal and 61 Howard-sts.,
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BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY.
MASON BROTHERS have in preparation a series of Biographical Sketches of
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On the 15th of February, we shall publish
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Trustees of the Knickerbocker Savings Institution, pursuant to an order of the Supreme Court, bearing date Oct. 16, 1858, will sell, at public auction, to the Highest bidder, on SATURDAY, the 12th day of February, 1859, at 12 o'clock M., through P. R. WILKINS, auctioneer, at No. 6 Pine-st., the following uncollected assets, claims and demands, judgments, choses in action, and property of every kind, of said the Knickerbocker Savings Institution:

Lot No. 1.—Check drawn by A. L. Wood on Knickerbocker Bank, $100. Check drawn by A. L. Wood on Knickerbocker Bank, $10. Check drawn by George H. Williams on Knickerbocker Bank, $100. Check drawn by George H. Williams on Knickerbocker Bank, $20. Check drawn by W. Hodgkinson on Knickerbocker Bank, $20.

No. 2.—Balance of check drawn by S. B. Rowe on Knickerbocker Bank, to order of Anson Willis, and indorsed by him, without recourse, $407.

No. 3.—Note made by Anson Willis, dated Aug. 3, 1854, twenty-six, $200.

No. 4.—Judgment against Mark Cornell, dated March 8, 1855, $1,674 74.

No. 5.—Judgment against Truman C. Vanderveer, dated April 12, 1856, $1,524 40; and certificates for 40 shares of Knickerbocker Bank stock, $25 each.

No. 6.—Balance of judgment against Erastus C. Sanderson, dated April 16, 1856, $1,537 75.

No. 7.—Judgment against Wm. P. Dixon, dated Nov. 14, 1856, $7,806 54; and certificates for 313 shares Knickerbocker Bank stock, $25 each.

No. 8.—Judgment against John D. Moriarty, dated June 28, 1856, $1,207 45.

No. 9.—Judgment against Edmund A. Pearce, dated April 16, 1856, $276 65; and his interest in 10 shares Knickerbocker Bank stock, $25 each.

No. 10.—Judgment against Henry Dean, dated Oct. 15, 1856, $1,134 20. Judgment against Henry Dean, dated Nov. 27, 1856, $67 70; and his interest in 50 shares Knickerbocker Bank stock, $25 each.

No. 11.—Judgment against Samuel W. Andrews, dated May 6, 1856, $616 97; and his interest in 20 shares Knickerbocker Bank stock, $25 each.

No. 12.—Judgment against M. Hopper Mott, dated Nov. 27, 1856, $12,298 68; and his interest in 490 shares Knickerbocker Bank stock, $25 each.

No. 13.—Judgment against E. C. Kemp, dated April 16, 1856, $1,020 31; and his interest in 40 shares Knickerbocker Bank stock, $25 each.

No. 14.—Judgment against James and Mary A. Fitzpatrick, dated May 24, 1857, being for deficiency in foreclosing mortgage, $269 87.

No. 15.—Judgment against George D. Arnston and James Traphagen, dated Jan. 22, 1858, being for deficiency in foreclosing mortgage, $1,540 50.

No. 16.—Balance of note made by Joseph Boughton, dated June 14, 1854, $371 24.

No. 17.—Balance of note made by Wm. C. Kent, dated Oct. 22, 1853, $48 67.

No. 18.—Balance of note made by Jacob Dubois, dated Dec. 21, 1853, $048 58; and certificates for 40 shares Knickerbocker Bank stock, each $25.

No. 19.—Note of Hester Ann Shannon, dated Feb. 6, 1854, $1,700; and certificates for 80 shares Knickerbocker Bank stock, each $25.

No. 20.—Note of D. S. Purdy, dated Sept. 11, 1856, $700, and certificates for 12 shares Knickerbocker Bank stock, each $25.

No. 21.—Balance of note made by Mackay & Campbell, dated May 2, 1853, $190.

No. 22.—Balance of note made by Samuel Lyman, dated Feb. 5, 1853, $15,000.

No. 23.—Note made by Samuel Lyman, dated Aug. 11, 1853, $10,000; and certificates for 400 shares Knickerbocker Bank stock, each $25.

No. 24.—Note made by E. & S. Lyman, dated March 18, 1853, $1,700; and certificates for 72 shares Knickerbocker Bank stock, each $25.

No. 25.—Balance of note made by H. C. Bolton, dated May 12, 1853, $174 40.

No. 26.—Balance of note made by Edward P. Crane, dated Oct. 19, 1853, $388 96; and certificates for 36 shares Knickerbocker Bank stock, each $25.

No. 27.—Bond and mortgage, made by Isaac Wilson, on property in Williamsburg, L. I., on north side of Harrison-st., 100 feet west from Leonard-st., $300.

No. 28.—Balance of deposit in Knickerbocker Bank, $1,539 47.

SALE OF SALMON FISHERIES IN LOWER CANADA.—Notice is hereby given, that tenders will be received at this office until noon of Tuesday, March 15, 1859, for "Five Years' Lease of the Exclusive Rights of Salmon and Sea Trout Fishery, upon the undermentioned rivers of Lower Canada:

The rivers Musquarro, Great Natashquan, Little Natashquan, Moisie, Sainte Marguerite, (on the Lake St. Trinity, Goodhout, Laval, Escoumain, and Sainte Marguerite, (Saguenay,) being disposable severally as Reserves and Fee-simple Holdings—the former limit bounded seawards by low water mark, and riverwards not to exceed the line of high water, including one mile of frontage on one side, together with use of whatever buildings thereon may belong to the Crown; also permission to appropriate all necessary timber and fuel; the latter, or Fluvial Division, to consist of the whole course of stream upwards from its confluence with tidal waters.

The rivers English, Bersimis, Jacquelin, Colombier, Blanche, Sault de Cochon, Grande Bergeronne, Petite Bergeronne, Little Saguenay, St. Johns, (en haut,) and Black or Salmon, to be respectively inseparable as regards the estuary and inner characters, but a like frontage and all other similar privileges inclusive.

Any lessee, at the expiry of said period, may obtain a renewal of lease for other four years then next ensuing, on such terms as shall be at that time determined by the Governor-General in Council.

Lessees of the Moisie, Goodhout, Bersimis, and Jacquelin, will be made subject to the occupancy by the Honorable Hudson's Bay Company of the tenements now in their possession until the termination of their lease of "The King's Posts" on the 30th November, 1859.

Tenders, sealed and addressed "Tender for Fisheries," to be addressed to the Crown Lands Department, should specify:

1. For which of the aforesaid rivers, and whether for either or both of the holdings.

2. The annual rent proposed for fee, or for other limited tenure.

3. The names, &c., of two good securities resident in Canada for due fulfilment of the conditions of such contract.

The rent will become payable half-yearly.

For further particulars application to be made to this Department, or to the Superintendents of Fisheries for Lower Canada, at Quebec.

P. M. VANKOUGHNET,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

CROWN LANDS DEPARTMENT, TORONTO, Dec. 13, 1858.

CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

CORPORATION PROPERTY TO BE CLEARED AT PUBLIC AUCTION.—The ordinance connected with the several public markets of the City, and also sundry lots, tenements, and buildings, belonging to the City, will be leased at public auction, at the City Hall, on THURSDAY, March 3, 1859, at 12 o'clock, P. M., for the term of five years from the 1st day of May next.

Catalogues of the property to be leased, with the terms and conditions of sale, can be had at the Comptroller's Office.

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.
ROBERT T. HAWS, Comptroller.

FEB. 1, 1859.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—THE COMMITTEE on Lands and Places, to whom was referred a resolution offered by Alderman F. J. Boole, in relation to the best method of properly regulating and putting in order the public place known as Tompkins Parade Ground, and also that portion of the Bowery adjacent thereto, will meet in Room No. 6 City Hall, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at 3 o'clock, P. M.

All parties who reside in the above neighborhood are respectfully requested to appear before said Committee and give their views on the propriety of the proposed improvements.

F. J. A. BOOLE,
MICHAEL TUOMEY,
JAMES OWENS,
Committee on Lands and Places, of the Board of Aldermen.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—THE COMMITTEE on Streets will meet on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 9, in Room No. 6 City Hall, for the purpose of giving parties in interest a final hearing in the matter of removing the telegraph poles, and fixing the number of the lamps on the streets generally.

F. J. A. BOOLE,
THOMAS STEPHENS,
JOHN J. ROE,
Committee on Streets, Board of Aldermen.

NOTICE.—THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE of the Board of Aldermen will meet on MONDAY, the 7th inst., at 7 o'clock, P. M., in room No. 6, City Hall, to receive sealed proposals, bonds and securities will be present at the above mentioned time and place, when and where further notice.

JOHN J. ROE,
MICHAEL TUOMEY,
JAMES OWENS,
Committee on Finance.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

FRANCES SCHNOZARE'S
MONTHLY NURSE,
Dr. ABECKER'S, 7 Stuyvesant-st.

WANTED—SITUATIONS, BY TWO RESPECTable and competent young women, one as cook, washer and ironer, with good wash and plain pastry, honest and economical in her duties; the other as chamber maid and waitress, will assist in washing and ironing. Best references in the country; would prefer going to Boston. They are highly recommended. Apply at No. 347 Grand-st., up stairs.

WANTED—SITUATIONS, BY PROTESTANT young women; one as chambermaid and waitress, one as cook, washer and ironer; one as nurse and sewer; one as chambermaid and waitress; one as nurse; all with nice colored women. Apply at No. 1 Little-st., near Broadway.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A VERY DESIRable middle-aged woman, who can give good plain cooking, washing and ironing well; is a good nurse, good moral character, and steady habits. Has recommends from first families in this country and Europe. Apply at No. 3 Myrtle-av., Brooklyn.

WANTED—SITUATIONS.—GOOD FRENCH AND German and every other kind of servants, and nurses, females, can always be had at Mme. Jeanneret's Office, 608 6th-st., between 20 and 40th-sts. A very numerous stock can be seen at the office on Monday and Tuesday.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A GOOD COOK IN a private family, who understands baking and pastry; has no objection to assist in the washing of a small family; no objection to the country; good wages given; call at No. 128 Prince-st., corner of Hudson, Room No. 3.

WANTED—A SITUATION IN A PRIVATE FAMILY by a very competent person as first class nurse, dress or chambermaid; is also competent to take charge of a house; can be seen till engaged at No. 27 Bleecker-st., second floor.

WANTED—BY TWO RESPECTABLE PROTESTant women, situations; one as cook, the other as chambermaid and waitress. Best of City references. Apply for two days at No. 141 3d-av., top floor. Mark pencil.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTABLE girl as chambermaid and good plain sewer, or to take the charge of a baby. Best of City references given from her last place. Call or address No. 22 Jones-st., near 6th-st.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG ENGLISH WOMAN, A situation in a private family as chambermaid and waitress. Address or call at No. 40 Hicks-st., Brooklyn.

A LADY, THOROUGHLY ACQUAINTED with public business, desires an engagement to attend an office for servants; will work for a small remuneration, and throw over to those who employ her the entire interest in her present business, established 10 years. Address, in the usual manner, M. C., Box No. 1,270, Post Office.

A MIDDLE-AGED ENGLISH LADY WISHES A situation as companion or attendant on an elderly or invalid lady, as seamstress, or would take charge of a widower's family. Can be highly recommended by the Times Office, for two days.

HELP WANTED.

WANTED—A DRESSMAKER, OR ONE WHO IS competent to get up children's clothing, is a person of talent and experience there is a desirable, permanent situation now open. Address CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, Box No. 155 Times Office, which will be attended to immediately.

WANTED—A MIDDLE-AGED AMERICAN WOMAN, to take the charge of two small children and make herself agreeable and useful in a private family; must be an active and healthy woman—one who can give good references as to character and qualifications. Address J. B. C., Box No. 148 Times Office.

WANTED—A PROTESTANT WOMAN AS NURSE to go in the country; she must be fully competent to take charge of an infant, and have the best recommendations. To a suitable person good wages will be given. Apply between 11 and 1 P. M., at No. 15 Bond-st.

WANTED—A FARMER AND HIS WIFE, WITHout children; he must understand his business and be a thorough worker. Address Box No. 48 Post-office, with references.

WANTED—12 TO 15 STONE MASONS. INQUIRE of JOHN WEBER, No. 111 8th-st., St. Mark's place.

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Pacific, Albany, Buffalo and Canadas.....3 P.M.
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The Overland Mail from St. Joseph, (Mo.,) to Placerville, and Salt Lake City, leaves St. Joseph every Saturday, at 8 A. M. Letters should be marked "Overland via St. Joseph."

Ocean Mail Steamers.

The European mails by the *Arabia*, from Boston for Liverpool, on Wednesday, Feb. 9, will close at the New-York Post-office to-morrow, at 12½ o'clock to go by railroad, and at 2 to go by steamboat.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

At the hour of going to press no intelligence had reached us of the two European steamers, now so long behind time. Had they reached the lower bay, they could not have attempted to come up in the violent snow-storm. The *Kangaroo* is now in her twentieth day, the *Asia* in her seventeenth. We understand that the agent of the Cunard line places no confidence in the telegraphic dispatch of Tuesday last in regard to a steamer, supposed to be the *Asia*, passing Cape Race.

The usual letter from our correspondent at the City of Mexico is given in our columns this morning. The confusion prevalent before the pronunciamiento of Gen. ROBLES seems only worse confounded by that transaction. It is still uncertain whether Gen. MIRAMON will accept the Presidency at all; while it is pretty well ascertained that he will not accept it under the Robles platform; or upon any terms acceptable to the moderate or liberal party. Pending his decision, he had left Guadalajara, just after the destruction of the superb Government palace in that City, and had proceeded to Guanajuato *en route* to the capital. The

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to meet the abilities of the Mexican Government, and a speedy adjustment of the claims is anticipated. It seems that the revenues set apart for the payment of the interest have been held sacred, and it has only been for lack of necessary formalities, unattainable in the recent general turbulence, that they have not been paused over. The difficulty is now to be remedied. The news from the interior is of the usual strain—small and inconclusive rumors, with here and there a political movement usually favorable to Gen. MIRAMON.

From Utah we have advices from our correspondents to the 13th of January. Matters there seem to be in a very unsatisfactory condition. The Mormons, through the Juries, resolutely refuse to punish any of their own people arraigned for crime, and Judge SINCLAIR has adjourned the United States Court from a conviction that it is impossible to prosecute the cause of justice under existing circumstances. The Grand Jury had refused to indict CHRISTIANSEN for the homicide of a deaf and dumb boy, which he had himself confessed.

From our files of Rio papers we derive interesting details of intelligence from the River Plata. The dates from Montevideo are to Dec. 18. The President, in his message to the Chambers, announces that the pecuniary difficulties of the country will be obviated without recourse to a loan. Preparations for the approaching election were active. The two American steamers, of the Paraguay squadron, which took Pernambuco in their way, were quarantined at Montevideo fifteen days, through apprehension of cholera. President URQUIZA, of Buenos Ayres, is still prosecuting his armed progress. At Parana, the capital of the Argentine Confederation, Mr. YANCEY, the new American minister, was received Dec. 1. Complimentary and amicable speeches were exchanged on the occasion. The intelligence from Paraguay indicates no intention on the part of the Dictator to yield the demands of the Americans.

From Porto Rico we have dates to Jan. 15, but general news is devoid of interest. At Ponce a projection of a New-York Company to light the city with gas excited much attention. It was thought the project would be realized within eight months.

Later intelligence from Hayti left SOULOUQUE, after suffering two defeats at the hands of the Republicans, shut up in Port-au-Prince, endeavoring to make terms for an abdication. The Haytians however were so sanguine of him, that it was doubted whether they would accept any but an unconditional surrender.

Our dates from Bermuda are to Jan. 29. The *Peerless*, a new packet, to ply between Hamilton and New-York, was launched on the 12th ult. Bermuda dates to Jan. 29 are without interest. The brig *Nancy* was to be restored to her owners on the 31st ult. By Sugars there had been a slight advance.

The President of the Dominican Republic has issued a decree excluding foreign bottoms from the coasting trade of the island, after July 1, 1859. There were some half-dozen posts of which access excepted from the prohibition.

A letter from Caracas, January 5, gives a glowing account of the reception of General PAEZ at that place and at Valencia, the capital of the Republic. Business was entirely suspended; speechmaking, pasteboard and bull-fights were the order of the day; and at night, balls, fireworks, and illuminations. The National Convention had confirmed the nomination of General CASTRO to the Presidency.

The Overland Mail with San Francisco dates to [illegible] (four days later) arrived at St. Louis yesterday. Dates from Victoria were to the 10th ult. The mail of the 27th December, had arrived out on the 10th of January. [illegible] McGOWAN, with a party of outlaws, had [illegible] a British Justice of the Peace near Harrison's Bar, on Fraser's River. The clipper ships [illegible] and *Adelaide* have arrived at San Francisco.

Very little business of importance was transacted in Congress on Saturday. In the Senate a resolution was passed recommending the Missouri two per cent land bill, the discussion of which was resumed. Mr. SEWARD presented a memorial from the Legislature of New-York, instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives from this State to vote for a reduction in the rates of postage. Mr. [illegible] also presented a memorial from citizens of this State in favor of the Homestead law. Mr. CLAY, of Alabama, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a substitute for the Secretary of the Treasury's scheme of retrenchment. The substitute proposes to save six hundred thousand dollars in the collection of the revenue. The Pacific railroad bill was discussed. The Senate adjourned. In the House, Mr. [illegible], of Illinois, gave notice that he will [illegible] to take up the River and Harbor bill. Mr. [illegible], of North Carolina, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a joint resolution [illegible] to Charles S. [illegible], for designating the flag for the United States. The joint resolution giving permission to Lieut. MAURY and Prof. BACHE to receive gold medals from the Sardinian Government was passed, when the House adjourned. But the most important business transacted in Washington on Saturday was that of the caucus of the Democratic members of Congress held on Saturday night. Mr. GARNETT, from the Committee appointed at the meeting on the previous Saturday night, reported a resolution to the effect that means ought to be provided for the payment of the Treasury notes now maturing, and that deficiency should be made good by economy in the Government expenditures. The meeting was a very small one, and several prominent members absent. After a very lively discussion the caucus adjourned, without coming to any decision, *sine die*. The Pennsylvania Democratic members also held a caucus, at which they indorsed the President's recommendation, passed resolutions in opposition to a national debt, and repudiating the acts of all other caucuses. Our special correspondent states that at a meeting of the Cabinet, on Friday night, it was determined that each member of the Cabinet should personally exert himself to secure an increase of the Tariff.

The American ship *G. F. Patten*, Capt. MITCHELL, of Bath, Maine, from Bristol, England, Nov. 3, for New-York, arrived at St. George, Bermuda on the 15th ult., in distress and under jurymasts having, in a gale of Dec. 24, been struck by a sea which, in one moment, carried away her bowsprit, foremast, mainmast below the top, and mizen-top gallant mast, with everything attached. The ship was heavily laden with railroad iron, but fortunately she remained tight. Finding it impossible to reach an American port, on Dec. 28 he bore up for Bermuda.

A dangerous fire occurred in Boston early yesterday morning, originating in a bakery on the corner of Commercial and Battery streets. DANIEL HENDERSON, a fireman, was killed by the falling walls, and several other persons were seriously injured. The loss is estimated at three hundred thousand dollars.

In consequence of the heavy fall of snow, the Southern mail were delayed, and up to the hour of going to press it had not arrived.

There was a diminution in the bills of mortality, according to the report of the City Inspector, for the week ending Saturday, the 5th inst. The total number of deaths was but 472, being eight less than the week previous, and six less than for the corresponding week last year. Among the causes of death were four from old age, two of them being over a hundred years old.

The snow-storm which commenced yesterday at noon continued without intermission until the paper went to press. The quantity of snow which has fallen probably exceeds any previous storm of the Winter, but the mildness of the weather has caused much of it to melt as it fell, and there were symptoms of its turning to rain.

Ex-Judge EDMONDS discussed Spiritualism, as demonstrated in Ancient and Modern History, at Dodworth's Hall, yesterday morning, and in the evening Signor MONTI, late of Harvard College, compared Spiritualism with the superstitions of former times, attempting to prove that both were equally unworthy of belief.

The examination of the Italian, CARMINA BIAGI, arrested for uttering debased five dollar gold pieces, was resumed on Saturday before Commissioner BEDDOME, and was adjourned over to Monday. We have already published the particulars of this remarkable case. Doctor KENT, of the Assay Office, testified that the coin was genuine, but that about five or six grains of gold had been abstracted from each piece.

A fearful calamity occurred in Brooklyn yesterday. At 3½ o'clock A. M. a fire broke out in the lower part of a house corner of Fulton-avenue and Elm-place, so as to cut off all means of exit to the inmates through the doors, and before they could be rescued four persons were suffocated, viz.: Mrs. ELIZABETH GILL, wife of EDWARD GILL, aged about 30 years; her two children—HELEN, aged 6 years, and MARY E., aged 2 years, and a servant girl named ANN KERGAN. There were three other persons in the house, who escaped by jumping from a window in the third story of the house, all whom of were injured, but neither seriously.

The General Markets closed tamely on Saturday for Cotton and Breadstuffs. Sugars were in better request. Provisions, Naval Stores, Oils, Rice, Coffee and Molasses were less active. The foreign engagements were limited. The total number of vessels of all classes in port was 555.

The Great Isthmian Game.

The Isthmian games of Greece were one thing and the Isthmian games of America are another; but the classic rivalries of the Hellenic race perhaps may fill no larger space in history than the very unclassic rivalries of the monopolists who have made the commerce of two oceans the prosperity of a new State, and the politics of half the world subsidiary to their own private enterprises and sordid conflicts, ever since the gates of the American Isthmus "on golden hinges turning," opened a new Canaan in California to a modern exodus of mankind.

The history of our Californian commerce is indeed a most curious commentary upon our national admiration of our own enterprise and energy. We are ready to surrender all sorts of other glories to all sorts of other people. We will give up the arts to Italy, and arms to France. We will concede the laurels of literature to England, and the palm of metaphysics to Germany. We will accept our *cuisine* from Paris, and our opera from Milan. But we can teach all the world the art of making money; we defy the Lombard and the Jew to "do" us in a matter of dollars and cents.

All this is very fine. But if the voice of the Isthmian Transit be fairly heard in the land, it will sing a different song. It will tell us that we have given over the splendid and lucrative passenger traffic between the Atlantic and Pacific, with all its various and important bearings upon our general welfare as a nation, to be the prey of a knot of monopolists, who have defrayed the cost of their own internal quarrels out of the enormous tax which we have suffered them to levy upon the whole community; and that we have submitted, with scarce an effort at resistance, to a state of things which has seriously hampered and restricted the development of our commerce, while it has damaged our national reputation, and involved us in political disputes, the end of which no man can pretend with certainty to predict. The history of our connection with California is a tissue of happy accidents and deliberate blundering. The conquest was an accident; the gold discovery was an accident; the peopling of the new State took care of itself. The only specific work left to the thrifty intelligence of these United States was the providing of the means of communication between California and the "rest of mankind." Ten years have been spent upon this work, and what is its present state?

We have blocked out with infinite pains, and after many failures, a sort of wagon road across *the continent—which represents vaguely enough* the not absolutely extinguished hope that we may one of the days build a railway too, particularly if Great Britain should be kind enough to satisfy us that the thing can be done, by doing it herself within her own American dominions. So much for the land routes. By sea, we have established a system of transit which enables us to traverse in 23 days, a distance considerably less than twice as great as that which has been bridged in considerably less than half the time, between America and Europe. And for the privileges of this system we pay its managers at a rate only about four times as high as the new established tariff of charges for Atlantic steam navigation. The Irish emigrant who leaves Liverpool to dig railway ditches in Illinois or Wisconsin, is brought to New-York in thirteen or fourteen days over three thousand miles of sea by steam power, for $30. The American adventurer who seeks his fortune in California, must pay four times that sum for a journey of five thousand miles, which will be performed, if nothing happens, in just about twice the time. And this is the best that can be done for him by the "shrewdest" people in the world, whose centres of finance are literally oppressed with capital seeking investment, and whose harbors are full of steamers rotting unemployed at their wharves.

If we dive into the past for the secret of this extraordinary contrast between our vaunted national ability and our lame national performance, we shall find it embodied in this particular case, in the shape of a giant monopoly, which has maintained itself for years against all attempts to dislodge it by subsidizing one formidable opponent into a still more formidable ally.

The Pacific Mail Company, with Mr. CORNELIUS VANDERBILT at its back, has literally cowed the whole country into accepting whatever charges it chose to impose upon our commerce with California. The immense profits of this Company proving the importance of that commerce, ought, in the natural course of things, to have generated a wholesome competition by which the public would have gained in all respects, in economy, convenience and speed of transportation. But this sort of competition in America had come to be synonous with Mr. VANDERBILT. The whole community had gradually brought itself to acquiesce in the existence of this one man as the inevitable Attila of every enterprise connected with steam navigation. And the Pacific Company accordingly resolved to retain him in their own interest, as a sort of gigantic bull-dog, to terrify all other men and companies away from their fine "preserve" of California passengers. They effected their arrangement. In consideration of the small sum of $50,000 per month, Mr. VANDERBILT graciously agreed not only to refrain from flying at the throat of the Pacific Company, but also to bite and destroy any one who should dare approach their prize. He has kept his word. Being himself the President and Trustee of one Transit Company, he effectually disposed of that possible competitor, by transferring its property to himself and his friends. All other adventures in the same direction have found him ever watchful and relentless. The public has not yet forgotten his latest alleged exploit in the case of the steamer *Washington*, whose passengers, on reaching San Juan, found themselves cut off from their expected connection with the *Hermann* on the Pacific side.

The duty for which he has thus been subsidized, at the expense of every passenger, every letter, and every package of goods, that has crossed the Isthmus for two years past, having been thus thoroughly done, Mr. VANDERBILT has now made up his mind that he may as well raise his demands, or change his tactics. He has therefore advanced new claims upon the Pacific Company, which he enforces by the threat of entering the lists against them himself, and the Isthmian game seems drawing to its close in the form of an overt battle between the monopoly which has ruled and the monopolist who has guarded its throne. It is the old story of the Emperor and his Prætorians, the Sultan and his Janissaries. The war is likely to be a war of desperation; but the public, happily, may look on with as calm and impartial a mind as that of the old lady who witnessed a conflict between her husband and a bear.

Should both parties succumb, or either of them, the hitherto paralyzed enterprise of the most enterprising of nations may perhaps pick up courage enough to attempt to put our intercourse with California and the Pacific on a level with the facilities which English capital and English steamers have secured us in our commerce with Europe.

News from Mexico.

The intelligence from Mexico, which we publish this morning, will be found extremely interesting, though it does not indicate any prospect of an early solution of the difficult questions which embarrass that unhappy country. The French and English commanders had so far withdrawn their claims upon the Government at Vera Cruz, as to reduce them to a demand for the faithful performance of previous mutually understood contracts, to which the Juarez Government had promised its immediate attention. All fear of foreign intervention, therefore, is, for the present at least, set at rest, and the late French and English demonstrations will probably result only in strengthening the position of JUAREZ on the sea-coast, and increasing foreign respect for his ability and fidelity to engagements.

In the meanwhile, however, the Republic of Mexico is no nearer to a conditi n of pacification and political repose than she was when the pending series of revolutions first commenced. In point of fact, it may even be said that, as far as the interior is concerned, her actual situation is worse than it has ever been. In place of the clerico-military rule of ZULOAGA, there now exists a hybrid Government, to the chief place in which MIRAMON, another Church *protégé*, simulates indifference, while ROBLES, a pseudo *Moderado*, but actual "trimmer," who is only waiting, like Mr. Micawber, to see what will turn up, pretends not to aspire to the Presidency, which he would no doubt gladly seize if he saw his way to do so safely. The extraordinary position of these two chiefs who are now apparently on the most friendly terms, will, if previous experience is of any value in the premises, probably culminate in a quarrel which will add fresh embarrassments to the already existing Mexican difficulties. At present, however, JUAREZ continues literally to hold the keys of the country. He is in possession of the seaports whence a very material portion of the revenue of the republic is derived. The Church Party, on the other hand, have nothing to depend on but the direct taxation, such as it is, of the people in the interior, and upon the revenues of the religious establishments. These last are numerous *enough in ordinary times, being derived* from the offerings of the devout,—the tithes which, though not legally imperative, are still paid by the majority of the people in the interior, through religious feeling or fear,—and the rents of the large number of city and suburban residences which belong to the Church. Such resources, however, must be much less extensive, now that trade is almost at a stand-still, than they were in periods of internal tranquillity.

In the present aspect of Mexican affairs, accordingly, we can see no prospect of the union of the whole country on any one defined course of action, until, of the parties which are now struggling for ascendancy in Mexico, some one shall survive the death by exhaustion of all the others. Under existing circumstances, it would seem that the Liberal Party, now represented by JUAREZ, is the only one possessing sufficient vitality to maintain its position. The Church Party of the interior cannot, for obvious reasons, attack JUAREZ at Vera Cruz. That place is strongly garrisoned, the fortifications mount 120 guns, most of them of heavy calibre and JUAREZ is said to have fully provisioned it. If JUAREZ kept the sea open behind him. An advantage has been secured, for the present at least, by his recent settlement with the English and French fleets, and his previous satisfaction of the Spanish claims as represented by PRIMO in the *Berenguela*.

The party of JUAREZ must, therefore, still be considered as the dominant power in Mexico, especially as it possesses the advantage of being united—a qualification which can scarcely be accorded to the Church party, in view of the actually clashing, though apparently cordial, attributes of ZULOAGA, MIRAMON and ROBLES.

The Expenses of Government—Dilemma of the Democracy.

The spectre of the coming election begins to alarm the Democratic Party and arouse it to the necessity of averting the popular wrath. The Executive Department of the Government seems to be utterly powerless and irresponsible. The President seems incapable even of appreciating the extremity to which he has reduced the Party, and of course no aid for its extrication can be expected from him. He cannot even secure harmony of sentiment in his own Cabinet as to the best means of seeking relief. While he recommends specific duties, for the sake of appeasing Pennsylvania, Secretary COBB denounces the suggestion as at war with Democratic principles as understood in the Southern States.

Meantime the Democrats in Congress have taken the matter in hand and have been holding a succession of caucuses in regard to it. As our Government is mainly conducted in caucus—the debates and votes of Congress serving only to put in legal form the secret decrees of these party conclaves—the action taken at these meetings possesses considerable importance. At the one held on Saturday evening the importance of reducing the Government expenses seems to have been fully felt. It was strongly urged that the Democratic Party would be held to a rigid responsibility for the enormous increase in expenditures of the last few years. Past experience shows that the public mind is to the last degree sensitive to charges of extravagance in the expenditure of public money, and the Democratic leaders are very naturally anxious to deprive the Opposition of this formidable weapon in the coming contest.

There seems to have been a very general agreement that the appropriations for the coming year could be very largely reduced. In the various items of printing, engraving and binding public documents, in the army estimates, in the prosecution of the public works, and in various other directions, it was confidently stated that a saving of many millions of dollars might be effected. Mr. CRAWFORD, a member of the House Committee of Ways and Means, submitted a table of items on which alone *ten millions* could be saved. Mr. VALLANDIGHAM was confident that this saving would amount to fourteen or twenty millions.

It is not easy to see why the Democrats should have had any hesitation in acting at once upon suggestions so eminently practical and rendered so imperative by the exigencies of the party. Mr. SICKLES opposed these attempts at retrenchment on the ground that it would imply disrespect to the Heads of Departments to attempt to reduce the estimates they had made. "He did not think that a portion of the members of the House ought to undertake to revise them." We cannot agree with Mr. SICKLES in this opinion. It is not in keeping with the popular character of our Government or with the professed principles of the Democratic Party. If the Executive were clothed with complete and irresponsible authority over the expenditures of the Government, it might be disrespectful for the representatives of the people to raise any question concerning their amount. But our Constitution proceeds upon exactly the opposite theory. It commits the financial policy of the country distinctly and preëminently to the immediate representatives of the people;—and no duty is more imperatively devolved upon them than that of scrutinizing the expenditures and reducing them to the lowest point compatible with the proper performance of the public service. But Mr. SICKLES seems by no means to have been alone in dissenting from the action of the caucus, though he was the only one present who based his opposition upon tenderness for the feelings of the Heads of Departments. The Pennsylvania members not only declined to attend, but organized a separate meeting and denounced the action of the other caucus. Their motive is obvious. They desire, first of all things, an increase of the Tariff, and therefore dislike any reduction of the public expenditures which shall render needless such an increase. To a certain extent portions of other Northern States sympathize with them in this feeling.

There is evidently an open rupture in the Democratic Party on this question of the Tariff. The great body of its adherents,—the Southern States, the whole West and Northwest, and all the great commercial cities, are in favor of a low tariff, and of any measures which will avoid the necessity of raising the present rates. The manufacturing, and especially the iron interests, on the other hand, are eager to seize upon the present opportunity to secure additional protection to their own pursuits. This affords another very striking illustration of the skill and success of the President in forcing upon the Democratic Party elements of discord and dissension. The embarrassments of the Government are due to the commercial panic of last year, aided largely by the recklessness and extravagance of the Executive Department. Under a prudent and wise administration of the Government these difficulties would be only temporary, and need neither have alarmed the country, nor distracted and divided the Democratic Party. And even now, if Congress would take this whole matter out of the blundering hands of the President, and adopt Mr. CRAWFORD's suggestion,—to authorize a release of the twelve millions of treasury notes about to mature, and to meet the rest of the anticipated deficiency by a vigorous reduction of expenses,—they might escape the gulf which yawns before them. It seems probable, however, that the greediness of private interest, the intrigues of the opposition, and the blind obstinacy of Mr. BUCHANAN will thwart all such efforts as reform.

THE OCEAN MAIL SERVICE—THE POLICY OF THE ADMINISTRATION.—We find on inspecting the bill reported by the Post-Office Committee of the House, that we entirely underrated the draft which it proposes to make upon the national treasury. *Eight* first-class steamers are to be built and equipped for the Southern service,—and the Secretary of the Treasury is directed to issue bonds towards this object to the amount of *two-thirds of their whole cost*. cannot, therefore, be attacked, unless by a regular and protracted seige on its landward side—an enterprise which the Generals of the Church party have not the means to undertake, and which would, with such forces as they could bring against the place, be utterly futile while there is a public debt of some twenty of yet less than six or seven millions of dollars!

The degree of economy likely to be practised by this bill may be seen from the rate of payment which it provides. The steamers are to receive the gross sum of the sea and inland postages for the whole ten years,—and this is guaranteed to be equal to two dollars for each statute mile of distance run by the said steamers. The distance to be run annually by the four Northern lines, making fifty-two trips, is 306,800 nautical miles, and by the five Southern lines 406,000. This makes a total of 712,800—or about 831,600 statute miles—which, at two dollars per mile, would give the snug little sum of $1,663,200 as the annual cost of the Ocean Mail service, to say nothing of the debt incurred by the Government in the construction of the steamers! This is *twice* as much as the gross postage ever amounted to in any one year! And yet the Government pretends to be in favor of restricting the cost of the Ocean Mail service to the amount received for postage.

We publish a copy of this bill in another column, for the information and edification of the public at large.

ANOTHER VIRGINIA INSURRECTION.—There seems to be a very active and formidable rebellion on foot in Virginia against the National Administration. Both the leading organs of the Democratic Party at Richmond denounce the policy of the President with great vehemence. His Pacific Railroad scheme—his general extravagance, and the thirty million scheme have found scarcely any favor among the Democrats of the Old Dominion. And now the *Enquirer* is out against the whole project of acquiring Cuba, and submits some very forcible arguments in support of this view.

Mr. Gignoux's Niagara.

Niagara seems destined to fill as conspicuous a place in the Art as in the nature of the New-World. Mr. CHURCH's brilliant and masterly painting of the great Horseshoe Fall, glowing in the warm sunlight and glorified with one of those exquisitely vivid rainbows which make so peculiar a charm of the unequaled scene, has now received a worthy pendant in the picture of Niagara, by moonlight, which Mr. REGIS GIGNOUX has just completed for Mr. BELMONT's admirable collection, and which the accomplished owner, with his usual liberality and taste, has put before the public eye at the rooms of Messrs. KNOEDLER, (late GOUPIL & Co.,) in Broadway.

Like Mr. CHURCH, Mr. GIGNOUX has shown the truly artistic quality of his mind, in the suffusion of beauty which pervades the body of his work, as it haunts every permanent feature, and enlivens all the innumerable evanescent changes of the great spectacle itself. Your first impression as you come before the canvas is one of light and loveliness. The luminous night-sky; the far-gleaming golden bridge of the moonlight, lost in remote ripples of splendor, that die gradually away into the delicate gloom of the distance; the fantastical-floating vapory mists that waver up from the dusky abyss of the Fall, and transmute the clear shining of the moon-lit air into soft, mysterious, opaline tints; these arrest the eye at once with delight, and kindle that emotion which is the first and the final test of true success in a work of Art. It is only as the mind rests upon the picture and gradually divines all that its powerful *chiaroscuro* and fine perspective have to suggest of vastness in the scope of the landscape, that the spectator begins to appreciate the difficulties with which the artist had to measure his skill as a draughtsman, and to do justice to his very high merits in this particular.

Mr. GIGNOUX has selected his point of view with an equal regard to truth and to effect. He gives us the Great Fall as it sweeps to its crescent of beauty, from the observatory beyond Goat Island, and he has admirably seized that consummate instant of magnificence in the rush of the river to its headlong descent, at which the mass of waters is hushed into an almost unnatural smoothness and speed. It is Niagara in its most poetic aspect.

Mr. GIGNOUX's treatment of water is never very happy. His waves are apt to sparkle more than they flow; his rivers to make up in glitter what they lack in movement. "The Niagara" is unfortunately open to this criticism. But the atmosphere of the picture is so fine, the aërial perspective so delicate and truthful, that it deserves to rank with the best productions of the American easel.

If anything more than the knowledge that such a picture exists, and that it has been so generously offered to the inspection of the community, were needed to fix attention upon it, we might remind our readers that Mr. BELMONT has borne charity in view in this homage to art, and that the proceeds of the exhibition of Mr. GIGNOUX's painting are to be contributed to the fund of two of the most excellent institutions of the City—the Nursery for the Children of the Poor and the Children's Aid Society. And we certainly may leave Niagara to speak for herself, when the language she uses is the eloquence of art, and the object a work of genuine, quiet, unobtrusive benevolence.

Amusements.

On Saturday evening Miss LAURA KEENE commemorated the hundredth performance of "Our American Cousin." The house was decorated with flowers as artificial as the Cousin in question; each lady was presented with a piece of music by Mr. BAKER, and a display of fireworks completed the brilliant ovations of the occasion. The play was given with spirit, and judging from the appearance of the house and its feeling, there will scarcely be occasion to produce another novelty during the season.

At Burton's Theatre Mr. GAYLER's "Female American Cousin" attracts crowded audiences, and gives amusement. No manager wants more. The same story may be briefly told of WALLACK's establishment.

NIXON & Co.'s troupe of Equestrians is the attraction at Niblo's Garden, and deservedly. It is an admirable Circus company, complete and unique. The Games of the Curriculum—popular here last year—will be revived to-night with forty gymnastic artists. On Wednesday afternoon the pageant and pantomime of "JACK, the Giant Killer" will be revived for the benefit of young folks.

Mr. EDDY announces the last week of his Equestrian season. "Ivanhoe" will be produced, with the famous Tournament scene presented in grand style. The oriental spectacle of "Blue Beard" will also be performed.

At the Bowery Theatre the sisters WESTERN appear to-night in a new local burlesque entitled the "Female Forty Thieves," and in the nautical drama called "Yankee Jack." At the National, Mr. and Mrs. CHAPMAN are the bright particular "stars." The "Mysteries and Miseries of New-York," the "Ocean Child" and the "Toodles" are announced for to-night. At Barnum's Museum, the "Nubian Troubadours" are guaranteed by the management to throw their audiences into a "fine phrenzy of delight" every afternoon and evening.

For Minstrelsy we refer to the bulletin of WOOD, the most sumptuous purveyor of the pure African article.

At the National Academy the lovers of art will find an excellent exhibition of American pictures by Mr. RICHARDS, and at BANVARD's the famous picture of the Destruction of Jerusalem is still on exhibition. GIGNOUX's Moonlight View of Niagara should also be seen. It is at GOUPIL's Gallery.

NEW RAILROAD MAP.—A new map of all the Railroads in the United States and Canadas, with the stations and distances from one station to another upon the line of each road, has just been published by RAND & ROY of Buffalo, and is offered for sale through agents in this City. It seems to be one of the most complete and perfect maps of the kind ever issued. It has been prepared with great care, and the active assistance of the railroad officers, and is certified by large numbers of them to be perfectly accurate and reliable. Being offered at a very reasonable price, it cannot fail to meet a large sale.

POISONED BY MISTAKE.—A child named KIRBY, residing at No. 512 Pearl-street, died on Saturday night from the effects of poison administered by its parents through mistake.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

THE CITY MILITARY IN TROUBLE.—Considerable feeling exists among the members of the Seventy-first Regiment in regard to the dismissal of Jesse A. Bloss, an enlisted man doing duty in Company G, Captain Pease, by Colonel Stevens. The Colonel has ordered the dismissal and defended his position; and Captain Pease has replied to a remonstrance, denying that a Colonel has the power to dismiss an enlisted man without a trial by Court-martial. In addition to the above, the question of keeping the Seventy-first Regiment a purely Native-American Regiment, is exciting much feeling and some unpleasant debate. The question arose in consequence of a Company, having some members of foreign birth in it, having been detailed to the Seventy-first to fill a vacancy, in the last drill of the right wing of the Regiment. Colonel [illegible] made a speech in which he said he would [illegible] position now as he did when elected to the command of the Regiment in the year 1856, when he [illegible] mand of a skeleton corps. He had always [illegible] portunes, and had always rejected it in its [illegible] If he had in any way contributed to that [illegible] pride and satisfaction he felt had amply [illegible] tion. He had expressed on many occasions his [illegible] the determination to maintain the [illegible] regiment, and no man dared to impugn his [illegible] but for the future, and every man who [illegible] indicated would come with him. In his opinion [illegible] would decidedly contribute the best [illegible] ment, and would at all times be found [illegible] those who maintained that nationality.

FOR CALIFORNIA—THE OPPOSITION AND PROSPECTS OF LOW FREIGHTS.—The United States Mail steamship *Illinois*, Capt. McGowan, left this port on Saturday for Aspinwall, with the California mails and passengers. Among the shipments were a number of [illegible] with which cattle and horses. One of the passengers, Mr. R. W. Bennett, carried out over a hundred [illegible] hives, with the bees, upon speculation. The California travel is small, even for the present season of the year; but the indications are that the opposition which has been announced to the monopoly of the fare, will have the effect to arrest the overtaxing discretion by the way of Pike's Peak and reach the travel by the cheap and easy routes to California. Passengers can now obtain through tickets for $125, in the steerage, and it is expected, as soon as the opposition starts, the fare may be reduced as low as it was last year—$60 and $80 in the steerage, and $100 in second cabin in the same ratio. The United States steamer *Northern Light* is advertised to leave on the 10th of March, and Mr. ADAMS says she will positively sail on that day, to connect with the opposition steamer *Uncle Sam* at Panama.

THE WHIG GENERAL COMMITTEE.—At the last meeting of the Whig General Committee resolutions were adopted unanimously, to the effect that it is inexpedient further to discuss or agitate the question of the slavery of the African race in this country, and recommending to every citizen "to vote and act in accordance with his convictions of right and duty." They also recommend citizens to turn their attention to topics of more importance than the Slavery question—such as our foreign relations; the question of the extension of our territory; the building of railroads for national purposes; the improvement of our harbors and the navigation of our rivers; the fostering of internal commerce; currency; the tariff of duties, and other means for developing our internal resources and our home wealth; and by thus drawing together by the ties of fraternal feeling the various parts and sections of our widely-extended Republic. The Corresponding Committee was directed to forward copies of the resolutions to the leading newspapers of the Whig Party throughout the country.

HERRINGS FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.—The annual importation of herrings intended for the season of Lent has already commenced. The schooner *E. C. Brown*, Capt. TANNER, has arrived here from Fortune Bay, N. F., with a full cargo in bulk, having left there on the 11th ult. She reports 18 or 20 sail of traps and schooners there, obtaining cargoes for this and other ports. The herring fish[illegible] year are very fat, and find a ready sale at $2 50 per cwt., or $3 per barrel. Some of the vessels have their packed in snow, while others receive them fresh. The fish-houses along the coast every fishing [illegible] cargoes are valued from three to seven thousand dollars, according to the size of the vessel. The seal fishery at Newfoundland had been "blanketing," with hundreds; but there was no loss, which had not yet begun to drift down the gulf.

THE SNOW STORM.—Yesterday morning, just as every thinking man made up their minds that it was going to rain, snow began to fall in heavy flakes, and by noon there was full three inches on the ground. It continued falling all day and during the night, when the streets were covered several inches deeper than at any time before during the present season. Early in the evening the City railroads were in a very bad condition, and it was with much difficulty that the cars could be made to move over the tracks. The omnibuses were put on early, but the snow fell so fast that they were not of much service until late in the night. At 10 o'clock this morning snow was still falling, without any prospect of the weather clearing up.

CITY MORTALITY.—The City Inspector reports 472 deaths in the City during the past week, which is eight less than the number who died during the corresponding week in last year. One hundred and seventy-six died of diseases of the brain and nervous system, 147 of diseases of the heart and blood-vessels. There were 43 still-born and premature births. Three hundred and twelve were natives of the United States, 76 of Ireland; 23 of Germany; five of England; four of Scotland, and the others of various foreign countries. Of the number, 81 were men; 86 women; 136 were boys, and 137 were girls.

SUPPOSED INCENDIARISM.—About 11 o'clock Saturday night a fire broke out in the wall-papering store kept by the "cheap John" in Chatham near Roosevelt-street on the Fourth Ward side. Just previous to the fire the clerk in the store was seen to leave, and from the confused actions of "cheap John" after the fire broke out, the suspicions of the Captain of the Fire Company were aroused, and he caused the arrest of "cheap John" and his clerk, and their committal until the case shall have been investigated by the Fire Marshal.

THE AMERICAN DEPUTOCRACY IN THE THIRTEENTH WARD.—At the last meeting of the American General Committee, the Committee appointed to hold an election in the Thirteenth Ward, reported, in effect, that the election was a farce, and a proposition was carried, that the original Anti-Donne delegation—Messrs. FERRAMBOE, ARMS, and others be recognized. At the same meeting the petition of the Fifteenth Ward council, asking the withdrawal of Jesse B. Strachan from the General Committee, and the substitution of Isaac H. BRADY, was granted.

SEAMEN AND THEIR WAGES.—The large number of arrivals from European ports, during the last fortnight, has increased the number of able and ordinary seamen, of which there has not been a large supply for a long time at this port. Wages are, to Europe $15 per month, and one month's advance; Mediterranean $18, and one month's advance; West Indies $18, and one month's advance; Coastwise $16, and one-half month advance; East Indies and San Francisco $30, and two months' advance.

STABBING IN THOMAS-STREET.—At a late hour Friday evening, a man named WM. DAVIS, and an unknown man, had an altercation in the cellar house No. 42 Thomas-street—the house adjoining the one in which MARY JOHNSON was murdered. The fight ended by the stranger stabbing DAVIS with a clasp knife in the back near the right shoulder-blade. The blade penetrated several inches, inflicting a probably mortal wound. The injured man was taken to the Hospital, and his murderous assailant escaped.

PORTUGUESE UNION GUARD PRESENTATION.—At a meeting of the Portuguese Union Guard, at Odd Fellows' Hall, the commander of the Company, Captain PIERE, received a handsome medal from the Company as a token of their appreciation of his services in organizing and building up the Guard. The Portuguese Union Guard is the only organization of natives of Portugal in the City.

WHARFAGE RATES.—A remonstrance against any increase in the rates of wharfage on vessels, and against any wharfage tax on merchandise or produce has been signed by a large number of ship owners, which it is expected will soon be brought to the notice of the Chamber of Commerce, and through that body to the Legislature.

DIED FROM BURNS.—Coroner GARNER held an inquest on Sunday upon the body of a child named HUGH MAXWELL, whose parents reside at No. 314 West Forty-sixth street, who died from the effects of burns received a week ago, caused by its clothes taking fire from a stove while it was alone in the room. A verdict of accidental death was rendered.

FIRE IN HOUSTON-STREET.

Police Matters.

OUTRAGE UPON A YOUNG LADY IN NEW-BRUNSWICK, N. J.—Constable Mitchell, of New-Brunswick, N. J., came here on Saturday with a warrant for the arrest of William Strong, charged with aiding and assisting an outrage upon a young lady of New-Brunswick, named Lizzie E. Pratt, on the night of the 24th inst. The following is the story as related by Constable Mitchell to Mayor Wiseman: On the night of the 24th of January the lady above named accompanied a man named James Paradine, keeper of an oyster saloon in New-Brunswick, to a ball given in that place. About midnight she was invited by Paradine to the refreshment-room of the hotel where the ball was held, to take supper. While at supper, as is alleged, she was induced to partake of some drugged wine, which had been rendered her unconscious. While in this state she was taken by Paradine, with the assistance of one Henry Bland and the aforesaid William Strong, to his oyster saloon, where she was outraged. On recovering from the effects of the drug the next morning, she found herself in bed with Paradine. She immediately went home, and made known to her friends the above facts, whereupon Paradine and Bland were arrested and held to bail in the sum of $2,000 each. Strong escaped, but he had been traced to this City, whence it was thought he intended to sail on Saturday for California. On hearing the above story, Mayor Tiemann issued a warrant for the arrest of Strong, and placed it in the hands of Officers McArthur and Abrahams. The officers proceeded to the steamer *Illinois*, which they found crowded with passengers, and made no attempt to search as they were able to do under the circumstances for the culprit, but without success. It is thought that if he took passage in the steamer he must have done it under an assumed name, and hid himself away until the steamer got out to sea. The young lady who was the unfortunate victim of this outrage is said to be beautiful and accomplished, and to belong to a respectable and by no means indigent family.

DANGEROUS ASSAULT.—Thomas Trainor, a laborer in the employ of the Harlem Railroad, last evening visited an alleged saloon and house of prostitution in Centre-street, kept by Peter B. Fregie, to slake his thirst. After entering the place, Trainor invited all who were present to take a drink, which invitation the habitues of the place were not slow in accepting. A dispute arose in regard to the amount to be paid for the treat, and Trainor flatly refused to pay the amount claimed by the proprietor. It is alleged a man named John Brennan then came out of a back room and threw a tumbler at Trainor, which struck him near the left eye, inflicting a ragged gash about five inches long, penetrating to the skull. Brennan was arrested by Officer Ward, and taken before Justice Bosworth, in Ward's Island Hospital. Brennan, in his defense, stated that Trainor was the first party who struck him, and he committed a deadly assault on a man who was being committed for the crime imagined was provoked.

STOLEN GOODS RECOVERED.—On the 8th of December last, the clothing store of Mr. Hays, corner of Kilby and Hudson streets, was robbed of a quantity of silk vesting, by two men who called there on pretense of purchasing clothes. Underneath the store is a cellar, and the thieves, who had hired a man who on Saturday last called into the store of Mr. Hays and offered for sale some of the identical goods which were stolen in December. Dimon claimed to have bought the goods at speculation, and refused to give them up on the demand of Mr. Hays, whereupon the latter called in the aid of policeman Masterton, who arrested Dimon and took him before Justice Osborne, where he was committed for examination to-day. Dimon's place was subsequently searched, and a quantity of ladies' dress goods, remnants of cloth, an opera glass, and other articles were found, leaving little doubt that the place has been made a receptacle for stolen goods.

CITY HALL POLICE COURT.—This Court was opened yesterday for the first time on Sundays, in consequence of a large amount of special business that demanded immediate attention. Nothing of any special public importance was done. Some ten or a dozen prostitutes, arrested on Saturday night, were sentenced to Blackwell's Island for terms varying from six months to sixty days. They were among the lowest of their class. The business of this Court is daily increasing to such an extent that the magistrate (Welsh) is compelled to sit almost every evening until 7 P. M. and frequently as late as 9 o'clock.

THE DETECTIVE'S NIGHT PATROL.—As Detectives Rose's and Post were patrolling Broadway, between 3 and 4 o'clock on Sunday morning, they observed a young man who appeared to have something in his coat sleeve that he could not carry conveniently. The officers took him into custody, and they found beneath his coat, suspended by a rope passed around his shoulders, a large composition journal, belonging to the machinery of some steamer. The supposed thief, who gave the name of Bartlett Cunningham, was locked up at the Police Head-quarters to await an owner for the journal.

A POLICEMAN ASSAULTED.—Yesterday afternoon Officer Fitzsimmons, a bar-tender in a grocery in Cherry-street, was now hailing people who took passage on the ferry, when Officer Sheehan ordered him to move that part of the world, and the officer refused to take his late comrade, when a number of persons came to the rescue, and handled the officer very roughly, injuring his face badly. Assistance was procured from the Fourth Precinct Station-house, and, as Fitzsimmons resisted the efforts to arrest him, he was treated to a dose from the "locusts" of the policemen.

FUNNY IN A GROCERY.—A number of persons were assembled in one of the rooms of a house in Cherry-street, called the "Barracks," when, after frequent potations, a dispute arose, during which John Field and Daniel Murphy assaulted John Haley and his wife with a weapon resembling an old Roman sword and a bar of iron. Haley was badly cut about the head; his wife was not much injured. The assailants were arrested by the Fourth Ward Police, and gave as an excuse for the assault that Haley's wife commenced the fight first by beating them with a club.

A HOTEL THIEF CAUGHT.—Detective Keefe was standing at the corner of West Broadway and Chambers-street on Saturday afternoon, when he observed a well-known hotel thief, named Nelson, leaving the Girard House in somewhat of a hurry. The officer arrested him, when it turned out a shawl in the possession of Nelson had been stolen from one of the boarders at the hotel, and as a set of furs (worth $250) was missed about the same time, it is supposed they were passed to an accomplice. Nelson was committed to the Tombs. He is an old offender, and has just served out a term of two years at Sing Sing.

BURGLARY.—A youth, named Edward Colter, lately discharged from the House of Refuge, was arrested on Saturday, charged with breaking open the porter-house, No. 153 Cherry-street, and stealing therefrom a watch, a double-barreled gun, and a portion of silver. A pawn-ticket for the watch and gun was found on his person. He was committed for trial by Justice Stiles.

CHANGES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.—Officers Dubois, Chatwell, Parker, Wynkoop, and several others of the City Hall Police, were, on Saturday, transferred to different Wards. It is understood a number of changes will be made in the rank and file of the above squad.

BROOKLYN INTELLIGENCE.

Five Persons Suffocated and Several Injured.

A shocking affair occurred at a house corner of Fulton-avenue and Elm-place yesterday morning, by which Mrs. EDWARD GILL, her two children, aged respectively 15 months and 6 years, and a servant girl named ANN KEEGAN, were suffocated by smoke while the house was on fire. THOMAS GILL, a brother-in-law of Mrs. GILL, OTIS GRAVES, and a servant girl named KEEGAN, sister of the deceased ANN KEEGAN, received severe injuries by jumping from the burning building to the street. The facts, as gathered from different quarters, are as follows: The house is a four-story in-to building. The first floor is occupied as a fancy bakery and confectionery store by LEON MAYER, entrance on Fulton-avenue. The three upper stories were occupied by Mr. EDWARD GILL, dry goods merchant, doing business at No. 102 Broadway, New-York. The entrance to the dwelling part of the house was through a hall-way and staircase opening upon Elm-place. Mr. GILL's family consisted of his wife, two children, two aunts and Messrs. THOMAS GILL, a brother of his, and OTIS GRAVES. Mr. GILL himself left to attend some business in Philadelphia on Friday last, and was not at home at the time of the fire. Mrs. GILL and children occupied a middle room on the third floor, its window opening upon Elm-place. At the rear of this, on the same floor, Messrs. GILL and GRAVES occupied a room together. The servant girls were in a room on the fourth floor. The fire was first discovered soon after 3 o'clock yesterday morning, by some person passing in the street. Mr. THOS. GILL was the first one in the house who discovered the fire. He immediately aroused his companion and gave the alarm. The inmates all rushed to the stairway, but found their retreat cut off by the fire in this direction; they could not descend even to the second story. In the excitement of the moment, all entered Mrs. GILL's room. Mr. GILL took several blankets and tied them together, and, fastening one end, threw the other out of the window, and lowered himself part way down, when he missed his hold and fell to the frozen ground below. In his fall, his head came in contact with an iron fence, and he received a severe scalp wound. He was followed by Mr. GRAVES, who also fell a portion of the distance, and sprained his ankles. One of the sisters (Kearney) went to the back room about this time, and was some kind of a string lowered herself out of the back window. The cord was not long enough to reach the ground, and she hung suspended in this position until the night-cap on her head caught fire, when she let go her hold and fell into the yard. One thigh and one arm were broken by the fall, and she received other injuries. What we have related thus far happened within a few minutes. Mrs. GILL, about this time, was seen at the window imploring for help. The blanket-rope still hung out of the window, but she could not be induced to take hold of it. A fireman at this time refused hold of it, and giving a slight jerk, it broke loose. Mrs. GILL was then urged to throw out a bed-tick to break her fall, but she was disappointed. By this time Hose Company No. 3 and Engine Company No. 15 had streams of water upon the fire, and it was soon extinguished. As soon as it was safe to enter the third story Mrs. GILL's body was found in a sitting position, near the window of her room, with her arms clasping her two children. Near them was the girl KEEGAN. [illegible] jury [illegible] from suffocation. [illegible] Mrs. GILL, aunt of the deceased, and [illegible] for Mr. GRAVES, who was burned beyond recognition. The whole inside of the building, from the upper story access to have been a crept over by the fire. Except the back parlor and the stairway, there is no great damage done. Near the stairway is a dumb waiter which extends from the basement to the second story. The outside door was forced open very soon after the fire was discovered, and the doors in the chambers above having been left open, created a strong draught through the dumb-waiter and the stairway. Detective Hocsing, of the Deputy Superintendent's office, was promptly on the ground after the fire broke out, and, assisted by Sergeant Posey and a posse of the Third Precinct Police, took charge of the premises and the dead and the injured. The bodies were all taken to the office of the Deputy Superintendent of Police for the time, but were subsequently taken away. Those of Mrs. GILL and children were taken to the house of JACOB K. OLIVIER, on Elm-place, and that of the girl KEEGAN to the house of her parents on Butler-street, near Hoyt. The injured persons were all taken at first to the house of Mr. OLIVIER where they were attended by physicians. The girl KEEGAN was subsequently taken to the City Hospital for treatment. Mr. GRAVES was taken to his brother's residence, No. 256 Carlton-avenue. Mr. GILL remains at the house of Mr. OLIVIER, who, throughout the trying scene, acted with much consideration, and afforded every facility within his power to relieve the sufferers.

The names of the dead are as follows:

MRS. ELIZABETH GILL, aged about 35.

HELEN GILL, daughter, 6 years old.

MARY E. GILL, daughter, 2 years old.

ANNA KEEGAN, servant girl, 16 years old.

Mrs. GILL was born in Philadelphia, and was much respected by all who knew her. Her husband left his home for Philadelphia on Friday last. The sad intelligence was telegraphed to him yesterday morning and he was expected home by the late train last night.

The building in which the above accident occurred is owned by Mr. JACOB K. OLIVIER. The entire loss will probably not exceed $1,500. Insured in the Long Island Insurance Company. The premises yesterday were in charge of Officer BRANNAN, of the Third Precinct. Hundreds of people visited the scene of the disaster, but none excepting those having business there were admitted. During the day Coroner HOLTON held an inquest on the bodies, when a verdict of death from suffocation was rendered.

THE DEMOCRACY OF KINGS.—The primary meetings, under a call issued by the United Democratic Convention, were held in the different Wards and towns of Kings County, Thursday evening. On this occasion delegates were elected to the County Committee, City Committee, and to a Convention, whose duties will be to reorganize the Democratic Party, with a view to get rid of some of the notorious abuses now existing. The Ward Committee was also voted for. Notwithstanding these primary meetings were intended as a union of the heretofore disjointed Democracy, still in most of the Wards it was found the union was only with the managers, and that "the people" could not forget their old feeds at the dictatorship of a few. As a consequence it is understood that the Bradley men had everything pretty much their own way.

SUICIDE.—A man named JOSEPH BRUSH, 45 years old, committed suicide Saturday night, by taking laudanum. He resided at the corner of Hamilton-avenue and Woodhull-street, where he leaves a widow and two children. Want of employment, it is said, prompted him to commit the act.

ARREST OF A RIVER THIEF.—Officer THOMPSON, of the Third Precinct, on Saturday arrested JOHN MUNCH, who is accused of having stolen a quantity of grain from a vessel in the East River. He was committed for examination.

FIRE.—The alarm of fire at 6½ o'clock Saturday night was caused by the burning of a stable and blacksmith shop on Columbia street, the former owned by JEREMIAH O'BRIEN, and the latter by DANIEL SMITH. Loss, $300; no insurance.

DROWNED.—A man named CURRY, employed as a ship-keeper, while on duty at Baxter's wharf Thursday night last, accidentally fell into the water and was drowned. The deceased leaves a family who reside in New-York. The body was not recovered.

OR DIT.—That the Brooklyn Post-Office is to be removed to a new location on Court-street, between Jeralemon and Atlantic streets, on the 1st of May next.

RECOVERED.—The body of FARRELL CURRY, the ship-keeper drowned at Baxter's Wharf, Thursday night last, was found, Saturday afternoon, in Catharine-slip.

DROWNED.—A man, named DUNCAN RANKIN, fell into the East River, at the Catharine Ferry, Saturday night, and was drowned.

MORTALITY.—During the week ending Saturday last there were 108 deaths in Brooklyn. Males, 57; females, 46. There were 21 deaths by consumption, and 10 by inflammation of the lungs.

Terrible Excitement in Port Chester, Rye and Mamaroneck.

WOLVES AND HYENAS PROWLING ABOUT—RUMOR THAT A MOTHER AND CHILD HAVE BEEN DEVOURED.

PORT CHESTER, N. Y., Saturday, Feb. 5, 1859.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

We are all in a state of terror here, and I learn that the inhabitants of Rye, Mamaroneck and Greenwich are in quite as unpleasant a condition. I don't know what the result will be, but I seriously apprehend a stampede of the entire population of this section of country, unless there is a change for the better very soon. But I must tell you the cause, and if in doing so I am a little incoherent, you will excuse me and fix it up a little before you publish it—not that I am afraid of ravenous wild beasts myself, for I am not. As the saying is, I wasn't born in the woods to be scared by an owl; but then you know I have a tender wife and eight tender children, and you know a man can't help feeling for his little ones; particularly at a time when, just as likely as not, he may feel for them and not find anything but their trowsers' buttons. It isn't an agreeable subject to dwell upon, Mr. Editor, and therefore I will be brief and go to the point at once. But before going there (I wish it were safe to go to the point or anywhere else around here,) I must ask you to excuse the angular character of my handwriting. When I am not troubled in my mind I write a bold plain round hand, but when there are ravenous wild beasts about, and one has as many tender children as I have, who will keep peeking out at the door, notwithstanding I have told them all about it—there's little Josiah now, standing on a chair, with the window open wide enough to let in a wolf with his mouth open. "Shut that window, you little rascal, and come away from it." Oh, that boy. We've had more trouble with that boy than with all the rest, except Louisa, and she's getting over it. That boy had the scarlet fever when he was an infant, and he came mighty near going. Then he had the whooping-cough and the croup I don't know how often, and we thought he'd go every time, but he didn't. I forgot to say that he had an awful time teething. It was nip and tuck with him for several days then, but he came up, and now he's as fat as a pig at Thanksgiving; and as he will keep peeking out every time he gets a chance, I'm afraid, as he has been going so often, that he will go this time sure. The fact is, Mr. Editor, we've got wolves and hyenas out here in this formerly happy, but now sorely afflicted place. I have not seen any myself, and I have not yet had the pleasure of seeing anybody who has; but we're all health of them and their prowlings about. Its not more than an hour since a neighbor of mine, a man noted for his coolness and bravery in the hour of danger, sallied in with two revolvers and a rifle, and told me that he had heard that a mother and child, while the former was guarding the latter to school, were attacked by a savage, hungry wolf, and both carried off into the woods. Then to make matters worse, while the wolf was running away with both of the poor creatures in his mouth, a hyena was seen running along after them, and only a little ways behind, looking very unpleasant. Just imagine what that poor mother's feelings must have been, when she saw the hyena running along behind the wolf, and she, poor thing, not in a condition to save her darling. My neighbor couldn't tell when it occurred; and the woman who told his wife didn't know exactly where it occurred, although she was positive it happened either in this neighborhood, or in some of the adjoining towns. She said she had tried hard to find out the woman's name, but had not succeeded, although she was sure she was a lone widow, with a large family of small children. Most people here boots have large families. It's the greatest place for growing children that I ever saw, and, consequently, the appearance of wolves and hyenas in our very midst is all the more lamentable. I can't imagine why the wolves and hyenas have come here, unless it's a visitation of Providence for the all-fired high prices we've been charging for eligible country-seats. A neighbor told me, the other day, that a New-York merchant, who was up here to find a place, said that was the reason. But if this state of things continues long, prices will probably come down a trifle, I apprehend. Only think of living and bringing up children where there are savage, hungry wolves to devour you alive, and hideous hyenas to dig you up after you have been buried. It's not a pleasant prospect to look straight in the face, and I'm sure real estate will be effected by it. Josiah, you young rascal, shut that door, or I'll excoriate you! Bumpus, if Dolbih that boy peeking out of that door again I'll discharge you! Those Irish girls are so careless with children. I don't believe Bridget would know a hyena if she should see one, and she has lived in my family going on four years. There! I'm sure I saw the shadow of something passing by the window. Jeasie! Bumpus! Where's Josiah? Well, if that boy ain't out trying Moses at the cow. I'll have to go out and bring him in.

Well, I don't know what we shall do. If the Republicans had only reflected (Governor Kyan, we might have had the Seventh Regiment here to clear them out or kill them off, but Governor Morgan wouldn't stir an inch to help us. One of my neighbors, who don't believe the story about the woman and child, told me, when I spoke of the Governor, that he thought the wolf and hyena story a good enough "blunder" for the present.

I'll send this to you as soon as I can get my blood mean to venture in the cars; and if this trouble continues and don't turn out to be a fable cunningly devised by the City people to get us to sell out cheap, I'll write to you again. At present, you may rest assured that the people, hereabouts are in hopes so is the wife of your obedient servant. H. OAKS.

P. S.—A neighbor of mine has just told me that the Rebecca Company has agreed to blow the steam whistles as loud as possible, at all the stopping-places beer here, and to keep them blowing while the train is anywhere in this locality, in the hope that it may frighten the wolves and hyenas, and allow us to sleep comfortably and safely in our beds.

Come to think this over, I find that I have put in what I call to Bumpus and Josiah, and it don't seem to fit in right, but I am too nervous to see how to alter it, so you must fix it.

If you have time to spare, I shall be most happy if you will come up to my place and stay a week.

Yours, H. O.

Overland Mail.

The *St. Louis Republican*, of the 4th inst., contains the details of the California news up to the 10th inst., a summary of which has been telegraphed.

The trip is one of the quickest yet made over the route, being twenty-three days and six hours, without counting off twenty-eight hours that were lost at Fort Chadbourne by the upsetting of the coach, and by delays from other causes at Fort Smith and Tipton.

There were three through passengers, and one from Arizona. *No clue* had been *found* of the murderers of the station-keeper and his wife at Visalia. Rich gold diggings are reported fifty miles northwest of the Gila crossing, on the south side of the river. Twelve to fifteen dollars to the pennyfull of dirt had been obtained. *One hundred men had gone from the Gila* mines to this new mining locality.

A large number of sheep, probably 100,000 head in all, were met on the desert going westward. Many had died from fatigue and want of food.

The road from the Gila to Pimo and Maricopa Wells was in excellent condition, and also on to Tucson. Mr. BARROW took passage in the coach at San Pedro, on the river of that name. At the Apache Pass, 80 miles east of Tucson, the road was piled full of rocks in places in a way to hinder the progress of the mails. It was supposed to have been done by the Apaches under MANGUS COLORADO, as the Sacramento Grays lie in that vicinity.

The passengers were obliged to get out and exert themselves to roll away the rocks to allow the coach to pass. The Apaches themselves were not seen, although their camp fires were blazing about a mile to the northward.

Mr. HAWKES, one of the route agents, joined the the passengers at El Paso. Near the Colorado the coach was overturned, and, while damages were being repaired, the coach from the East came up and was capsized near the same place. One passenger in the latter had his shoulder broken, and another received several severe hurts in the face. Their names were not learned. At Fort Chadbourne, two more passengers joined, and no incident worthy of note occurred thence to Springfield.

Near Bolivar, between Springfield and Tipton, the coach was stopped, about 6 o'clock at night, by persons supposed to be highwaymen. A man stood in the road as the coach approached, and asked, "Is Sam aboard?" repeating the question several times. He had several accomplices about, as whistling was heard in several directions, as though meant for signals and answers. The mail coaches have been stopped on several occasions previously, and the "boot" has been cut open.

The steamship *Columbia* arrived on the 8th at San Francisco, bringing dates to the 5th from Northern California. She brought $37,000, of which $30,000 was to WELLS, FARGO & CO.

Gen. KIRBY was at Humboldt, and reported having captured 64 Indian prisoners on Mad River. No gun was fired. They would be removed to some reservation.

At the Crescent City Mines an ounce a day to the hand was obtained, and in some instances more.

A bloody affray occurred at San José on the 10th, between THOS. SEALS, ALEXANDER ROSS, and SAMUEL CAGNAY on the one side, and two brothers, named JAMES and PAUL SHORES. PAUL SHORES was shot dead, JAMES severely cut with a knife, and lacerated by a bloodhound; SEALS shot through the left leg, just above the knee, the ball passing in front of the bone; while ROSS merely received a slight contusion by a blow over the head with a pistol.

From Genoa, Carson's Valley, advices to Jan. 9, from Walker's River, states that Mr. LUNA and two others left that place in December for Mariposa by way of Moro Pass, and a heavy storm setting in at that time, it is supposed they perished in the snow.

UNITED STATES SHIP VANDALIA.—The *Herald* of the 10th has the following notice of this vessel:

The United States sloop-of-war *Vandalia*, ARTHUR SINCLAIR, Commander, will leave this port for Guaymas this day. The *Vandalia* goes to relieve the *St. Mary's*, now stationed at Guaymas, where she has already rendered much service. Her whole complement comprises a force of 181 men, distributed as follows: Officers, 21; marines, 25; seamen, 136.

Telegraphing Two Thousand Miles in One Circuit.

On Saturday evening the National Telegraph Line worked in an unbroken circuit from New-York to Leavenworth, Kansas, and subsequently to Prairie du Chien, Wis. Messages were sent and received with the same promptness with which they could have been sent 50 miles. The distance by the wires to Leavenworth is nearly 2,000 miles. Dispatches were also dropped at all the principal cities on the route.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—President SANTANA has just issued a decree prohibiting foreign vessels, after July 1, 1859, participating in the coastwise trade of the Republic. The only exceptions are in favor of ports of difficult access; which are Barbarueco, Paradise and Petit-Fesore, upon the Southern Coast; and Bubaro, Cabarete and Macao, upon the North. Foreign bottoms may share in the business of those ports by paying a duty of four current dollars per ton.

The price of ounces for January was fixed at 3,200 national dollars.

Among the passengers who leave Boston this week in one of the Cunard steamers, for Europe, are Mr. John Ward, our Minister to China, his family, and Miss Maria J. McIntosh, the distinguished author. While Mr. Ward is occupied officially in China, Mrs. Ward and Miss McIntosh are to travel through some of the most interesting parts of Europe. The latter has a book in preparation, which will lose nothing by this new field of observation and experience.

Who Makes the Only Burglar-Proof Safe?

All persons interested in the answer to the above are invited to read the following certificate, which decide the matter beyond any question:

IOWA CITY, Iowa, Jan. 21, 1859.

This certifies that the undersigned purchased, for the use of the State Bank of Iowa, of Lewis Lillie, of Troy, N. Y., his Patent Wrought and Chilled Iron VAULT DOORS and FRAMES, BANK LOCKS, and two of his Burglar-Proof SAFES. In his contract with us, *Mr. Lillie gave us the privilege of testing his Safes in any manner likely to be resorted to by burglars*, before paying for them, which his agent, Mr. Bacon, of the firm of Mr. Y. Bacon, of New-Haven, Conn., and Mr. Goodrich, Agent for Messrs. Duryea & Forsyth, of Rochester, N. Y.—*did not propose to do*, but claimed that Mr. Lillie's Safes would not stand the test, if a gentleman whom they should select were allowed to operate upon them.

We have this day had the safes so purchased of Mr. Lillie tested by drilling. The operation was performed by Mr. Samuel Miller, of Iowa City, who is a skillful mechanic, who had been indicated by Messrs. Bacon and Goodrich to be a suitable person for that purpose.

We requested Mr. Miller to provide himself with a good ratchet drill and four bits as perfectly made and tempered as he could make them. The Safes were placed in the vault of the State Bank, in such a position that the door could be opened upon either side, and the ratchet drill as firm and convenient as could be desired.

After making all his preparations and adjusting his drill, Mr. Miller commenced operations for the purpose of drilling a hole through one side of the Safe. He worked steadily and faithfully for 1 hour and 58 minutes, at the end of which time his bits were entirely used up, so that it was impossible to make any impression any further with them, as he informed us, and as was evident from the inspection of the bits themselves. The bits were examined, after being used, by us, and by others more competent than we to judge of their sufficiency, and we are satisfied they were well made and we'll tempered.

Upon examination we found that he had yet full two inches of metal between the point of the drill and the interior of the Safe. The metal yet to be penetrated, Mr. Miller informed us, and we are satisfied, was *harder and more difficult to drill than that already passed*, and being satisfied, from what had been already done, that the Safes were *as good as Mr. Lillie had contracted to deliver*, so we dispensed with any further testing, and accepted them.

Mr. Lillie has throughout this matter acted liberally and honorably by us, and we take pleasure in recommending him and his work to persons needing articles in his line. S. J. KIRKWOOD, } Ex. Com. State
H. PRICE, } Bank of Iowa.

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LILLIE'S FIRE AND BURGLAR PROOF SAFES
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FAIRBANKS & CO.,
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Herring's Patent Champion Safe.

LATE FIRE AT DUBUQUE, IOWA.

DUBUQUE, Jan. 7, 1859.

MESSRS. S. C. HERRING & Co.—Gents: I am requested by Mr. T. A. C. Cochrane, of this place, to say to you that on the morning of the 4th inst., about 3 o'clock, his store took fire, and the entire stock of goods was destroyed. The heat became so suddenly intense that none of the goods could possibly be saved; but fortunately his books and papers, which were in one of your Champion Safes, were all preserved perfectly. And well they may be called champion, for during the whole conflagration there was one incessant pouring of flame directly upon the safe which contained them. And still, upon opening it, the inside was found to be scarcely warm, while the outside was most severely scorched. Yours truly,

N. A. McCLURE.

HERRING'S PATENT CHAMPION FIRE AND BURGLAR-PROOF SAFES, with HALL'S PATENT POWDER-PROOF LOCKS, affect the greatest security of any safe in the world. Also Silver-board and Parlor Safes, of elegant workmanship and finish, for plate, &c.

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Consumption.—Letter from Dr. Churchill.—I shall give to the public, in a day or two, an original letter from Dr. J. B. Churchill, of Paris, dated Dec. 17, 1858, in exposition of his hypothesis in regard to the proximate cause of, and specific treatment for Consumption, by the HYPOPHOSPHITES. It will possess great interest both for the medical profession and the public. Those who wish information in regard to Dr. Churchill's discovery, can obtain it at the office of the undersigned, where the Genuine Remedy is for sale, at $1 per bottle, or three bottles for $5. Wholesale and retail, at the sole General Depôt for the United States, No. 48 John-st., corner of Dutch-st., up stairs. Also by CALLENDER & CO., 43 and Walnut-st., Philadelphia.

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Guns and Pistols, carrying from seven to thirty balls. This arm is now on exhibition and for sale, at wholesale and retail, at the Company's Office, No. 1 Broadway, New-York.
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PITTSFORD, Vt., Aug. 1, 1858.

I hereby certify that my hair having become *quite gray*, I used HEBANSTREIT'S Hair Coloring (prepared by W. E. Hagan, of Troy, N. Y.) for four weeks, and my hair is now in that time restored to its original color. I can *fully recommend* the article to be all it claims.
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MARRIED

MILES—DOWNE.—In this City, on Tuesday, Feb. 1, by the Rev. T. J. Sawyer, WILLIAM H. MILES to MARIA M., daughter of the late Isaac Downing, all of this City.

BOYD—THOMAS.—In this City, on Thursday, Feb. 3, at Trinity Church, by the Rev. Dr. Higbee, JOHN BOYD to SARAH A. THOMAS, all of this City.

O'HANLON—DOUGHERTY.—At Newark, N. J., on Thursday, Feb. 3, by the Rev. F. Moran, Dr. PHILIP O'HANLON, Jr., of this City, to MARY, third daughter of George Dougherty, Esq., of Newark, N. J.

DIED.

RIDER.—In this City, on Saturday morning, Feb. 5, CHRISTOPHER RIDER, in the 68th year of his age.

The friends of the family, and of his nephews, E. G. Burling and Samuel Osgood, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, this day, (Monday,) at ½ o'clock P. M., from No. 347 West 19th-st., near the 8th-av.

GILLEN.—In this City, on Saturday, Feb. 5, THOMAS GILLEN, the blind soap-dealer of the Park, aged 52 years.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 131 Allen-st., this day, (Monday,) at 1 o'clock.

MILLS.—In Brooklyn, on Sunday morning, Feb. 6, of an enlargement of the heart, MARY JANE, only daughter of the late MILSON MILLS, aged 17 years, 11 months and 13 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, at 1 o'clock, this day, (Monday,) from the residence of her brother, Chas. Mills, No. 111 South 2d-st., Brooklyn, E. D., without further invitation.

GILL.—In Brooklyn, on Sunday morning, Feb. 6, Mrs. EDWARD GILL; also, her two children, HELEN and MINNIE.

The friends of the family are invited to attend their funeral, from the residence of J. K. Olwine, Esq., No. 4 Elm-place, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at 12 M.

PRINCE.—In Brooklyn, on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 6, ARVONATTE, wife of Robert Prince, aged 43 years and 3 months.

The friends and relatives of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, without further notice, at her late residence, No. 107 Jay, corner of Prospect-st., Brooklyn, on Tuesday morning, the 8th inst., at 10 o'clock precisely, as the remains will be taken therefrom to Staten Island.

REED.—In Brooklyn, on Saturday, Feb. 5, of scarlet fever, FRANK ERNEST, youngest child of Lewis B. Reed, Jr., aged 3 years and 7 months.

SHUTE.—In Brooklyn, on Sunday, Feb. 6, suddenly, ROSAN, wife of Henry D. Shute.

Notice of funeral to-morrow.

For Boston and Providence papers please copy.

PLATT.—At Jersey City, N. J., on Saturday evening, Feb. 5, MARIA LAWRENCE, wife of Frederick Platt, aged 60 years and 30 days.

The relatives and friends of the family, and those of her sons, Fredri L. and Charles H. Platt, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from the Reddies M. E. Church, Montgomery st., Jersey City, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at 1 o'clock, without further invitation.

SHELDON.—In Jersey City, on Saturday, Feb. 5, CAMILLA R., wife of Elisha S. Sheldon, aged 32 years.

The funeral will take place this day, (Monday,) at 2½ o'clock A. M., from St. Peter's Church, Jersey City. The friends of the family are invited to attend.

WILLIAMSON.—At Bergen, N. J., on Saturday, Feb. 5, Mr. JOHN WILLIAMSON, in the 87th year of his age.

His relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from the residence of his father-in-law, Mr. Alexander Smith, at South Bergen, N. J., this day, (Monday,) at 3 o'clock P. M.

CARPENTER.—At New-Rochelle, on Friday, Feb. 4, HANNAH, wife of Thomas Car

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BROKERS' NOTICE.—THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Irving Bank are hereby notified that the annual election will be held at the Bank on MONDAY, Feb. 7, from half 1 to 2 o'clock P. M.
DANIEL T. H. BERTHOLF, Cashier.

NOTICE.—CONTINENTAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 31, 1859.—The Annual Election for seven Directors of the Continental Bank, and for three Inspectors of the ensuing election, will be held at the Bank on MONDAY, the 7th day of February next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
E. F. WARNER, Cashier.

FIRST-CLASS INVESTMENTS FOR SALE.—Hudson and Bailey Railroad, and Delaware and Raritan Canal Joint Stock Per Cent. Bonds; Troy City Bonds; Cleveland City Bonds; Gas-Light Stocks; Buffalo City Water Bonds; Oswego & Syracuse Railroad Stock. JOHN E. MURRAY & CO., No. 40 Wall-st., N. Y. City.

JEFFERSONVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.—The holders of first-mortgage bonds of this Company are hereby notified that a meeting is to be held on TUESDAY next, Feb. 8, at 4 o'clock P. M., at the office of WM. H. GILMAN, No. 43 Exchange-place.

$1,500 TO LOAN ON BOND AND MORTGAGE, in sums of $500. Apply to SIDNEY E. BABB, No. 127 Broadway.

CALIFORNIA STATE BONDS.—INTEREST on Coupons on California State Bonds, due Jan. 1, 1859, will be paid or purchased by WILLIAM HOOK & CO., No. 56 Wall-st.

$2,000 WANTED—ON BOND AND MORTGAGE on Western security; 10 per cent. interest. Address A., Box No. 104 Times Office.

WANTED—KEROSENE GAS LIGHT COMPANY, for Annapolis, Quincy Company and Milwaukee City, on Gaspico Process (Manufactured Gas); by ALBERT H. NICOLLY, No. 4 Broad-st.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.—The firm of A. & H. BROWN is this day dissolved by its own limitation.—Feb. 1, 1859.
A. & H. BROWN & CO.

COPARTNERSHIP.—The firm of A. & H. BROWN & CO. will be continued by the subscribers; Mr. JOHN M. HEL having retired from the firm.
HIRAM BROWN,
ANDREW A. BROWN,
HORATIO S. BROWN,
WILLIAM J. BROWN.
New-York, Feb. 4, 1859.

COPARTNERSHIP AND REMOVAL.—THE undersigned have formed a copartnership, and will hereafter be found at the sale of fine Parts and English hosiery, under the firm of FIREMAN, BYER & CO., at No. 13 Maiden-lane.
FRANCIS P. FREEMAN,
Formerly at No. 6 Maiden-lane.
RANDOLPH BYER,
Late of the firm of John Wilson & Co.
NATH'L P. FREEMAN.

COPARTNERSHIP.—THE UNDERSIGNED have this day formed a copartnership under the firm of F. W. & F. R. MYERS, for the transaction of the Wholesale Grocery business, at their new store, No. 146 Reade-st.
New-York, Feb. 1, 1859. F. WALDRON MYERS.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE THIS DAY formed a copartnership under the firm of VELVERTON BROTHERS, for the purpose of conducting the Note and Bill Brokerage business, and have taken an office at No. 68 Wall-st., (Howard Insurance Company Building).
ROBERT VELVERTON,
HENRY VELVERTON,
JOHN P. VELVERTON.
New-York, Feb. 1, 1859.

COPARTNERSHIP.—THE UNDERSIGNED have formed a copartnership under the firm of W. & C. E. HENRICK, for the continuance of the stationery business, at the old stand, No. 79 John-st.
WM. HENRICK,
CHAS. E. HENRICK.
New-York, Jan. 26, 1859.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—THE firm of S. HEINEMAN & Co. has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. D. H. GOODMAN & BROS. have withdrawn from said firm.
D. H. GOODMAN & BROS.
S. HEINEMAN.
Feb. 1, 1859.

MYGATT, INGRAHAM & CO. HAVE THIS day associated with GEORGE MYGATT. The business will be conducted under the style of
MYGATT, INGRAHAM & CO.
New-York, Feb. 1, 1859.

BONDS AND MORTGAGES.—An Insurance Company wishes to invest $250,000 cash. Will take a mortgage from $2,000 to $15,000 on City property. No brokerage allowed. Address Box No. 3,843 Post-Office.

INSTRUCTION

MARSH'S COUNTING-ROOMS,
For practical
Book-keeping and business study,
No. 348 Broadway, (Appleton's Buildings.)
Circulars, with full particulars, on application.

BUTGERS FEMALE INSTITUTE,
Nos. 243, 245 and 247 Madison-st.
The 45th term opens March 14. Pupils received take the family of the Principal. The facilities stages convey pupils residing in different portions of the City, to and from school.
HENRY M. FIERCE, A.M., Principal.
JOHN M. KREBS, D.D., President.

WALNUT HILL SCHOOL, GENEVA, N. Y.—The long term of the Rev. Dr. REED'S Boarding School for Boys has just opened. Terms $250 a year. Circulars sent on application.
Reference.—Bishop Potter, No. 38 West 24th-st.
ALEX. W. BRADFORD, Esq., No. 5 Wall-st.
EDWIN CLARK, Esq., No. 4 Fletcher-st.
Geneva, Feb. 1, 1859.

ACADEMIES OF WRITING, BOOK-KEEPING, ARITHMETIC.—In this great metropolis there are thousands of individuals (some in the higher walks of life) whose early education in writing, arithmetic, and, perhaps, reading and spelling, has been neglected. For the express accommodation of such, Mr. PAINE has several strictly private rooms, where ladies or gentlemen receive private instruction, at hours suiting their convenience, day or evening. Academies, No. 67 Bowery, New-York, and No. 363 Fulton-st., Brooklyn.

BOOK-KEEPING, BUSINESS WRITING, ARITHMETIC.—DOLBEAR & VOGELSDORFF, No. 437 Broadway, keep the largest Commercial Institution in New-York, and prepare gentlemen or boys for business in a manner not practised elsewhere. Private rooms, and only $10 for a full course. Day Course, Open day and evening.

ACADEMY OF LANGUAGES.—NO. 659 BROADWAY.—F. MARINELLI, PRINCIPAL. Instruction given in French, Italian, Spanish, German, Hebrew, Latin, Greek, and English. Classes are formed day and evening. Terms in charge, $10 per quarter. For circulars, apply as above, to F. MARINELLI.

CLASSICAL AND ENGLISH SCHOOL.—No. 21 East 31st-st., James Van Manen, Principal. Now term commences February 1st, but pupils received at any time. Thorough preparation for the Professions and thorough training in the English branches. Circulars and further information at GARDNER'S bookstore, or at the School.

MOUNT WASHINGTON COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, No. 218 4th-st., accessible from every part of the City by railroad and stages, opens on MONDAY, Feb. 7, the third term of its sixteenth academic year.
CLARKE & FARNHAM, Principals.

MRS. HOWLAND AND DAUGHTER'S French and English Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies, No. 29 East 38th-st. A limited number of girls received. For particulars, apply at the School or by letter to the Principal.

TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.—ELM Park Institute for boys, Richfield, Conn. A first-class School. Terms moderate. Apply to Dr. RICHARDS or Prof. Fitch.

B. A. SMITH'S SCHOOL FOR BOYS—Lexington-av., between 50th and 51st sts. Terms moderate.

TEACHERS.

WANTED.—A YOUNG LADY, A GRADUATE OF a New-England Seminary, desires a situation as governess, or to travel as nurse and companion with an invalid, or with one or two children. No objection to any part of the country. Further information may be obtained by applying to H. S. TAYLOR, Times Building.

GOVERNESS.—A YOUNG LADY WISHES A situation as resident or visiting governess in a family in New-York, Brooklyn, or the vicinity. Instruction given in music, English and French. Instruction given in Latin if required. Address L. P., Box No. 4,014 New-York Post-Office.

GOVERNESS.—A YOUNG LADY WHO HAS been all over Europe, speaks four languages fluently, and has been for years accustomed to teach drawing, &c., wishes to make an engagement as governess or companion with a family traveling in Europe. Address S. W., Southside Post-office, Staten Island, N. Y.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG LADY, A SITUATION as resident or visiting governess; she is fully competent to teach English, French and music. Advertiser would accept a situation as music teacher only. Address Box No. 138 Times Office.

WANTED.—A YOUNG MAN OF GOOD MORAL character, who has had experience in teaching, wishes to obtain a situation as instructor. Would like to go South with family. Address Box No. 7, Fairtown, Westchester Co., Penn.

IMPORTANT TO OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES of Public Institutions wishing to engage teachers. The American School Institute, of No. 129 Broadway, New-York, and No. 124 Chestnut-st., Philadelphia, offers its services in selecting teachers free of all charge.
SMITH, WOODMAN & CO.

GOVERNESS WANTED—IN A PRIVATE family.—A lady qualified to teach the usual branches of education. Apply at No. 143 Bleecker-st.

DRAPERIAGE FILTER—PURE WATER.—Awarded two gold medals and one silver medal by the Massachusetts Mechanics' Charitable Association, and silver medal by the Maryland Institute, and several diplomas. Sold at GRIFFITH'S Plumbing establishment, No. 341 4th-st., near Third. Price $5.

DIVIDENDS.

DIVIDEND.
MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE FIRE INSURANCE CO., No. 48 Wall-st., Feb. 6, 1859.
CAPITAL $150,000.
SURPLUS OVER $100,000.
Capital and Surplus invested in U. S. BONDS.
MR. THEODORE MOSS HAVE TO-DAY DECLARED A dividend of SIX PER CENT. TEN DOLLARS PER SHARE, payable to the stockholders on demand.
They have also declared an interest dividend on the earned premiums of the year ending the 31st day of December, 1858, of Thirty per Cent., the certificates of which are payable to parties entitled thereto on JUBILEE, the 4th day of February next.
Out of the profits of the year, amounting to ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS, a dividend of TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS PER SHARE has been declared payable on demand.
ROBERT B. ROSE, President.
DUNCAN F. CUTLER, Secretary.

49TH DIVIDEND.
BROOKLYN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Board of Directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of ten (10) per cent. on the capital stock, out of the profits of the last six months, payable at their office, No. 12 Montague-st., Brooklyn, New-York, on and after the 1st day of January, 1859.
Transfer books will be closed until the above date.
Also, Resolved, That application be made to the Legislature for permission to increase the capital of the Company the sum of fifty-one ($51,000) thousand dollars.
By order,
WM. F. LEGGETT,
Dec. 16, 1858. Secretary.

EXCELSIOR
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 6 Broad-st., New-York.
This Company has declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Six Per Cent., payable on the 17th inst.
JAN. 11, 1859. HENRY QUACKENBOSS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COAL COMPANY, Corner of Broadway and Wall-st.—New-York, Feb. 4, 1859.—A Semi-annual Dividend of Three and One-half per Cent. on the capital stock of the Pennsylvania Coal Company has this day been declared, payable at the office of the Company, in the City of New-York, on and after Tuesday, Feb. 15, inst. The transfer-book will be closed from the 8th to the 15th inst., both inclusive.
GEO. A. HOYT, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE ECONOMIC FIRE INS. CO., No. 28 WALL-ST.
DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS HAVE DECLARED a semi-annual dividend of Six per Cent. on the capital stock, payable 1st day of February. The transfer books will be closed from the 26th inst. until that date.
RICHARD C. COMBES, Secretary.
Jan. 22, 1859.

NEW-YORK AND NEWARK RAILROAD COMPANY, OFFICE, No. 1 HANOVER-ST.
NEW-YORK, Feb. 2, 1859.
DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a dividend of Three (3) Dollars per share on the capital stock of this Company, payable at this office on and after the 16th instant.
WM. BEMENT, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 3, 1859.
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend, payable to the stockholders on demand, at the office of the Company, No. 12 Wall-st.
D. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

SAINT NICHOLAS BANK, No. 7 Wall-st.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 22, 1859.
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF this Bank have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Three and a half per Cent., (3½,) payable on and after the 14th February next. The transfer books will be closed from the 1st to the 13th February next.
A. PARKHURST, Cashier.

DIVIDEND.—THE KNICKERBOCKER STAGE Company have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Three per cent., out of the earnings payable on and after the 8th instant, until which date the transfer books will be closed. By order of the Board.
GEO. O. PETERS, Treasurer.

LORILLARD FIRE INSURANCE CO.—Office, Mechanics' Bank building, No. 31 Wall-st.—NEW-YORK, Feb. 2, 1859.—The Board of Directors of this Company have THIS DAY declared a semi-annual Dividend of Eight per Cent., payable on demand.
GEO. D. CRARY, Secretary.

THE PETER COOPER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—Have declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Six per Cent., payable at their office, corner of 3d-av. and 10th-st., on the 1st day of February. The transfer books will be closed from the 25th inst. to 1st of February.
By order,
WM. H. BIBLEY, Secretary.

RELIEF FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, Office No. 2 Wall-st., New-York.—New-York, Jan. 4, 1859.—DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors have this day declared their regular Semi-annual Dividend of Eight (8) per Cent., payable on demand.
By order,
J. H. PINKNEY, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.—THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS of the Columbia Fire Insurance Company, No. 19 Wall-st., have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Six per Cent., payable on and after the 10th inst. The transfer books will be closed until that date.
JAN. 5, 1859. JOHN C. BERGH, Secretary.

OFFICE OF ST. NICHOLAS INSURANCE COMPANY.—No. 10 Merchants' Exchange, Wall-st.—Dividend.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per Cent., payable on demand. WM. S. SLOCUM, Secretary.

ORIENTAL BANK.—NEW-YORK, FEB. 1, 1859.—A Dividend of Three and One-half Per Cent. has this day been declared, payable on the 10th inst. The transfer books will be closed until that day.
W. A. HALL, Cashier.

CITY BANK OF BROOKLYN.—BROOKLYN, Feb. 1, 1859.—SIXTEENTH DIVIDEND.—A Dividend of Three and One-half per Cent. has been declared out of the profits of the last six months, payable on the 12th inst. By order of the Board.
E. P. PERRIN, Cashier.

MUSICAL.

THE DRIGGS PATENT PIANO-FORTE—(W. V. WALLACE.)
Its tones are the fullest, most sonorous and pure.
It is the most durable, and will remain longer in tune than any other Piano-forte.
It is built and has a solid iron frame or bed plate—the whole case forms a vibrating shell, with an upper and lower sounding board, like the violin.
"It is the best piano-forte existing," and is recommended by Thalberg, Gottschalk, Wm. H. Fry, M. Strakosch, Maretzek, Albert H. Wood, Gustave Eckhardt, Wm. Mason, H. Wollenhaupt, and many other musical celebrities.
Sole agents, WM. HALL & SON, No. 239 Broadway.

CHICKERING & SONS,
MANUFACTURERS OF
GRAND, SQUARE AND UPRIGHT PIANOS,
Warerooms No. 652 Broadway.
C. & SONS have been awarded 26 prize medals for the superiority of their manufacture for the past 25 years.
ALSO FOR SALE,
MASON & HAMLIN'S SUPERIOR
MELODEONS AND HARMONIUMS,
For parlors, churches, vestries and lodges,
at wholesale and retail.
PIANOS TO RENT.

AN ELEGANT ROSEWOOD 7 OCTAVE Piano Forte for sale by the owner at half price at No. 66 High-st., Brooklyn, three minutes' walk from Fulton or Catherine Ferries; is superbly finished with round corners, rich carved legs of grapes and fruit, Louis XIV style, rich sweet tone, warranted for two years from September last, celebrated City makers; cost $2,000; price $750. Apply, day or evening, three days. N. B. A great object offered for cash down.

PIANOS AND MELODEONS—NEW AND SECOND-HAND.—A very large assortment, which will be sold at extremely low prices during this week. Alexandre organs for churches, and all kinds of musical instruments. Pianos and melodeons for rent and rent allowed if purchased. HORACE WATERS, Agent, No. 333 Broadway.

GOLD-MEDAL GRAND AND SQUARE PIANOS.—STEINWAY & SONS, Nos. 82 and 84 Walker-st., near Broadway, New-York, have always received the first premium where and whenever in competition with the best makers of Boston, New-York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. Every Piano warranted for three years. Prices moderate.

HALLET, DAVIS & CO.'S GRAND, PARLOR Grand and Square Pianos, long known as the best pianos made. Melodeons cheap. New-York pianos at great bargains, second-hand pianos by Gilbert, Chickering and others at $50, $75, $100 and $200. Pianos and melodeons to let. P. S. BERRY, No. 466 Broadway, corner Grand-st., marble building.

HIGHTS, NEWTON & BRADBURYS, NO 1,421 Broome-st., near Broadway, have a splendid assortment of the celebrated Piano-Fortes, in all styles, constructed with the patent Arch Wrest-Plank. Purchasers in want of a superior instrument will find it for their advantage to call.

HAZELTON BROS., PIANO-FORTE MANUFACTURERS, No. 206 Centre-st., offer a fine assortment of brilliant and full-toned pianos at the lowest rates. Each piano warranted to give satisfaction, and guaranteed for three years.

ALBERT WEBER, MANUFACTURER, No. 116 West Broadway, near Canal-st., will sell a large assortment of his celebrated pianofortes at very great bargains. Second-hand pianofortes taken in exchange at their full value. A call is respectfully solicited.

T. H. CHAMBERS—SUPERIOR PIANOS, Bleecker House, Astor-place. A splendid warranted piano with every instrument of his own manufacture. Second-hand Pianos from $60 upwards.

A LARGE STOCK OF PIANO-FORTES, IN plain and carved cases, at wholesale prices, for cash. All pianos fully guaranteed for two years. Second-hand pianos at $60 to $140. A. E. THOMPSON, 420 Broadway.

BILLIARDS.

PHELAN'S IMPROVED BILLIARD TABLES AND COMBINATION CUSHIONS,
PATENTED FEB. 19, 1856; OCT. 28, 1856; DEC. 9, 1857; JAN. 12, 1858; NOV. 16, 1858.
These tables are now well known to be the best in the world.
For sale only at the manufactory, Nos. 51 and 53 Amity-st., and at PHELAN'S, 706 and 708 Broadway, New-York.

BILLIARD BALLS, BAGATELLE BALLS and Ivory ball Pool, of patent compressed Ivory, 100 per cent. cheaper than Ivory, and warranted for six months, for sale by WM. M. WELLING, No. 430 Broome-st., sole manufacturer and inventor.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST OR MISLAID.—THE FOLLOWING 4 notes, which were made payable to order of the signators, and by them indorsed, viz:
Sheldon & Co.'s dated Albany, Nov. 11, 1858, at 6 months, $146 31.
Friend & Brothers, dated Milwaukee, Oct. 5, 1858, at 6 months, $364 18.
Payment of these notes has been stopped.
HUTCHINSON, TIFFANY & CO.

$50 REWARD.—LOST WHILE SHOPPING IN this City, on the 1st inst., a lady's gold hunting lever WATCH; engraved case, with initials "C. F." The finder will receive the above reward by returning it to S. P. ELKIN, No. 156 Hester-st.

AUCTION SALES.

RICHARDS KINGSLAND, Auctioneer.
HARDWARE AT AUCTION.
RICHARDS KINGSLAND & CO. will sell, on THURSDAY, Feb. 10, at 10 o'clock, at the Salesroom, No. 182 Broadway, the package and loose Cutlery, Guns, Hardware, &c., in lots to suit the City and country trades. Catalogues and samples early on morning of sale.

ALBERT H. NICOLAY, Auctioneer and Broker.
REGULAR DAILY AUCTION SALE OF STOCKS AND BONDS.—ALBERT H. NICOLAY will sell, THIS DAY, Feb. 7, at 12½ o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange:
400 shares Butchers' & Drovers' Bank.....$20 each
50 shares Fir. & Citizens' Bank (bypoth.).....25 each
50 shares New-World Fire Insurance Co.....25 each
15 shares Astor Fire Insurance Co.....25 each
15 shares Beekman Fire Insurance Co.....25 each
10 shares Market Fire Insurance Co.....100 each
120 shares New-York Ice Co. (bypoth.).....25 each
75 shares Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Ex. (bypoth.)...100 each
9 shares Terre Haute & Richmond Railroad (Executor's sale).....50 each
100 shares Chicago, St. Paul and Fon du Lac Railroad (bypoth.).....100 each
100 shares New-York, Newfoundland & London Telegraph Co.....100 each
$3,000 Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad 6 per cent. Bonds.
By order of Administrator to close an estate.
$3,000 Hudson River R. R. 7 per cent. Convertible Bonds.
500 Buffalo, New-York & Erie Railroad 1st Mortgage 7 per cent. Bonds.
6 shares Hudson River Railroad Co.....100 each
1 75-100 shares Buffalo, New-York & Erie Railroad Co.....100 each
1 share Empire Mining Co.....100 each
1 share Cannel Coal Co., of Coal River.....100 each
11 shares North Amer. Trust & Banking Co.....100 each
20 shares Market Bank.....100 each
43 shares Ocean Bank (ex dividend).....50 each
20 shares Washington Fire Insurance Co.....50 each
640 shares Brooklyn Bank.....5 each
Securities received in addition to the regularly advertised lists during every sale. Regular auction sales of Stocks and Bonds every day at 12½ o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange. Stocks and Bonds bought and sold at private sale and at the Brokers' Board. Interest allowed on deposits. A large variety of Securities constantly on hand at private sale.
ALBERT H. NICOLAY,
Stock Auctioneer and Banker, No. 4 Broad-st.

J. W. PETERS, Auctioneer.
ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.—THIS DAY, at 10½ o'clock, the entire contents of the five-story residence, No. 218 West 14th-st., near 9th-av., containing an unusually fine assortment of parlor, dining-room, library, bedroom and nursery furniture of the latest styles and most exquisite carving, all made to order for the owner's use, and to be sold without reserve. It consists of superb carved rosewood parlor furniture in suites of various styles, covered in French satin and moquet; an excellent rosewood piano-forte, stool and cover; etageres, with heavy plate glass doors and backs; most expensively carved rosewood centre, side and sofa tables; corner stands, large pier glass, elegant lace and brocatel curtains, rich China vases, clocks, splendid Brussels carpets, together with a large assortment of French China and common kitchen furniture; also, a very fine set of mahogany chairs, sofas, rockers, lounges, extension dining-table, beds and bedding, hair mattresses, ingrain carpets, rosewood and mahogany bedroom furniture, in suites; basement and kitchen utensils, with which the sale will commence. Every article must be sold.

JOHN J. REMSEN, Auctioneer, Office No. 289 Broadway.
ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AT PUBLIC AUCTION.—On TUESDAY, Feb. 8, at 11 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. Everett, in West 11th-st., a few doors from 6th-av. Catalogues, describing sets and every article, can be had at my office, or at the door of the above mansion, (in part as follows: Fine rosewood piano-forte, stool and cover; 2 suites of drawing-room furniture, covered in French satin; velvet carpets, tapestry and ingrain; pier mirrors, mantel mirrors, lady's secretary bookcases, rosewood etageres, 7 feet high; centre tables, side-tables, with stationary marble tops; oil-paintings, splendid rosewood bureaus, lined with satin, and large rosewood bedsteads, with heavy carvings of art, stands to match; Turkish chairs, lounges to match; silver-ware, glass-ware, splendid dinner set, with bedding of all the bedrooms.

MILLER & MCEVITT, Auctioneers.
AUCTION NOTICE.—PEREMPTORY SALE OF Valuable Real Estate, to be sold at auction, by MILLER & MCEVITT, THIS DAY, Feb. 7, 1859, at the Merchants' Exchange, at 3 o'clock.
The valuable 5-story house and lot No. 253 East 18th-st.; size of lot, 25 feet by half the block; size of house, 25 by about 50; free and clear of all incumbrances. Will rent for $400.
Five-story brick house and lot No. 147 East 11th-st.; size of lot, 25 by half the block; size of house, 25 by about 50; subject to a mortgage of $4,000. Will rent for $600.
Four-story brick house and sub-cellar brick house and lot No. 188 East 17th-st.; size of lot, 25 by half the block; size of house, 25 by about 50; subject to a mortgage of $3,000. Will rent for $800.
For terms of sale and further particulars, apply to the auctioneer, No. 26 Pine-st.

EDWARD H. LUDLOW, Auctioneer.
THE HERCULES FOUNDRY AND FIVE LOTS OF LAND ON THIRTY-FIRST-STREET FOR SALE AT AUCTION.—E. H. LUDLOW & CO., will sell at auction on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1859, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange:
Five lots on the southerly side of East 31st-st., each 25 feet, front and rear, by 98 feet 9 inches in depth, commencing 100 feet westerly from the 3d-av. On the lots is a large foundry, street No. 100, and other improvements. With the lots will also be sold a steam engine and other machinery on the premises, of which an inventory will be produced at the time of sale. The property will be sold subject to a mortgage for $6,000. Map, inventory and terms at the auctioneers' office, No. 14 Pine-st.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.
DESIRABLE BUSINESS PLACE IRVING-PLACE AND SIXTEENTH-STREET.—ADRIAN H. MULLER will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, Feb. 8, 1859, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange:
The 3-story and attic English-basement brick house and lot, situate on the northwest corner of Irving-place and 16th-st., house 26.6x44. Lot 26.6x92.
Also, the 3-story and attic English-basement brick house and lot, adjoining, and known as No. 37 Irving-place. House, 26.6x50. Lot 26.6x100; with an alley 8 feet wide to 16th-st.
For maps and further particulars, apply to the Auctioneer, No. 35 Wall-st.

WILLIAM H. FRANKLIN, Auctioneer.
VALUABLE PROPERTY ON ORCHARD-STREET, BELONGING TO THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.—That valuable property, known as the Friends' Meeting House; the ground is 96 feet 11¼ inches front by 100 feet in depth; the building 60 by 78 feet.
Also, the house and lot No. 35 Orchard-st., adjoining the above, 20 feet 6 inches by 100 feet. The above property will be sold at auction on THURSDAY, Feb. 10, 1859, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange. Maps and full particulars may be obtained at the office of WM. H. FRANKLIN, Auctioneer, No. 5 Broad-st.

MILLER & MCEVITT, Auctioneers.
CENTRAL PARK LOTS AT SHERIFF'S SALE.—MILLER & MCEVITT will sell under directions of JOHN KELLY, Sheriff, at 12 M., on the 8th day of February, 1859, at the Merchants' Exchange, 5 lots north side of 99th-st., 462 feet east of 5th-av.; 4 lots on 4th-av., commencing at the southwest corner of 101st-st.; 3 lots on 101st-st., in rear of last mentioned. Sale positive. One half can remain on mortgage. For maps, &c., apply at the office of Auctioneers, No. 28 Pine-st.

EDWARD H. LUDLOW, Auctioneer.
VALUABLE LEONARD-STREET PROPERTY AT AUCTION.—E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange: LEONARD-STREET.—The valuable plot of ground, with buildings, on the north side of Leonard-st., 100 feet west of Broadway; the plot is 49 feet 7 inches front, 37 feet rear, and 122 feet deep. This property is the first front west of Broadway, and forms the rear boundary of four important Broadway lots. Maps at the Auctioneer's office, No. 14 Pine-st.

JAMES COLE, Auctioneer.
175 LOTS SCHOLES ESTATE, BROOKLYN, NINETEENTH WARD—Allotted to Clayton Scholes—On Bedford and other avenues, Ross and other streets, within a few minutes' walk of Peck-slip, Grand-st. and other ferries; will be sold at auction by JAMES COLE & SON, ON MONDAY, Feb. 14, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange. Sixty per cent. can remain. Maps, &c., at No. 45 Nassau-st., and at the Mechanics' Fire Insurance Co., No. 31 Wall-st.

PHILIP R. WILKINS, Auctioneer.
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NEWS BY TELEGRAPH

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Postmaster-General's Estimates—The Mail Contracts—The Bankrupt Law.

[Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.]

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Feb. 6.

The caucus last evening proved an abortion, owing to the impression which prevailed that it was to be controlled by extra Free-traders. There were only forty members who attended, and these quitted in thirty-nine before the adjournment. The same officers presided as at the previous caucus, and it was plain evident that it was but a duplicate of that meeting. Hendricks, of Alabama, Jones, of Tennessee, Bowman and Clemens, of Virginia, and many members of that stamp, were there. The only question of interest presented and decided was, whether the Friday Social should adjourn from to-Monday, or adjourn one day and have a new call for Monday. An effort was made to connect every with it the adjournment of the present and prevent abortions; and keep away the bolts of the party. Hence an adjournment was finally agreed to. Another meeting of all who are favorable to retrenchment will be called for Monday.

The sentiment last night evidently favored a reduction of Treasury notes, and Major Forney will, at an early day, introduce a bill reviving for two years the act of Dec. 23, 1857, authorizing the issuance of Treasury notes, the amount outstanding at any time being limited to twenty millions. This, I understand, will be satisfactory to the Administration for the present, though there is some doubt about the propriety of such a measure.

It was determined in the Cabinet, on Friday last, that each Cabinet officer should actively exert his personal influence to secure also an increase of the Tariff. The Postmaster-General will, to-morrow, send to Congress his estimate of receipts for the next fiscal year, amounting to seven and a half millions. Estimated expenditures, seventeen and a half millions; deficiency for the next year, ten millions in this one Department.

The President thinks everything will yet come out straight, and avoid the necessity of calling an extra session. Movements are making to press the passage of the Bankrupt Bill in both Houses of Congress. Q.

XXXVIth CONGRESS—Second Session.

SENATE.... WASHINGTON, Saturday, Feb. 5.

Mr. TOOMBS, of Georgia, moved a reconsideration of the vote passing the Missouri Two Per Cent. Land bill. The motion was adopted, when the discussion of the bill was deferred.

The bill authorizing the Attorney-General to represent the United States in equity proceedings between Massachusetts and Rhode Island was passed.

Mr. SEWARD presented a memorial from the Legislature of New-York instructing representatives to oppose any increase of the rates of postage; also a memorial from the citizens of New-York in favor of the Homestead law.

Mr. CLAY, of Alabama, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a substitute for the Secretary of the Treasury's recommendations of economy. The substitute proposes to economize $600,000 and the services of a thousand persons employed in the collection of the revenue. The bill will be printed and called up at the earliest opportunity.

The hour assigned for the consideration of District of Columbia business having arrived, Mr. BAYARD, from the Committee on Public Buildings, moved that the Senate take up the bill for the distribution of water in the city of Washington.

Mr. BROWN wanted the Pennsylvania-avenue Railroad bill taken up.

The latter prevailed, by a vote of 27 against 17. The bill was then discussed at length; but without coming to a vote upon it, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Feb. 5.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, gave notice that he will next Monday move to take up the River and Harbor bill.

Mr. WINSLOW, of North Carolina, from the Committee on Naval affairs, reported a joint resolution of thanks to Captain SAMUEL C. KERR, for the design of the present flag of the United States.

Private Bills were considered.

The joint resolution giving the assent of Congress to Lieut. MAURY and Professor BACHE to receive gold medals from the Sardinian Government, was passed.

Caucus of the Democrats on the Tariff and Retrenchment—Lack of Harmony on the Subject.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Feb. 5.

The Democratic caucus met at 7½ o'clock. There were 60 members present—Mr. COCHRANE in the chair, and Messrs. CAVANAUGH and ROWLY acting as Secretaries.

The rule limiting debate to five minutes was adopted.

Mr. GARTRIE, from the Committee on Retrenchment, presented only the outline of a report intended to show that the revenue of the present fiscal year would exceed by several millions the report submitted by the Secretary of the Treasury, and made a statement showing a number of items for the estimates which might be largely reduced—among them lithographing and engraving, the binding of public documents, the public printing, cutting of the *Congressional Globe*, the French Binder, the Coast Survey, &c., reducing the army estimates to the amount of several millions, and the navy about three millions; near two millions by suspension of the work on the public buildings; by abolition of franking privilege to two ounces; diminishing the number of the mail routes to California; making the ocean mail service self-sustaining; and evening off light houses, supporting Dues hereafter by tonnage duties.

Mr. VALLANDIGHAM, member of the same Committee, spoke of the great increase of public expenditures from 20 to 70 millions, from twenty-six millions to eighty millions, and the importance to the country and the Democratic party of an immediate reduction by Congress. The Committee were of opinion that millions could be cut off. He thought himself, from fourteen to twenty millions. He warned his Democratic friends that they would be held responsible in 1860, and so obliged to answer for it.

Mr. CHANDLER, from the same Committee, and member of the Committee of Ways and Means, presented a table of items showing specifically that in these alone there could be a reduction of upwards of ten millions.

Mr. CAVANAUGH wanted to know of Mr. CHANDLER if he expected any revenue from public lands in case the Homestead bill should pass the Senate. He thought Government ought not to look to public lands for revenue at all.

Mr. CHANDLER said he did not expect that bill would ever become a law.

Mr. PHILLIPS adverted all possible reduction of expenditures, but maintained that it was not in the power of the Committee of Ways and Means to effect reductions to the very extent they would desire. He thought Mr. GARTRIE had over-estimated the amount of revenue; the duties being reduced by the tariff of 1857, a much larger importation would be necessary to raise a revenue equal to that under the tariff of 1846.

Mr. SEWARD, of Georgia, said he did not want to know how these expenditures had been brought about. The question they had met to consider was how they could be reduced, and to what extent. He thought there might be a good many millions saved. Mr. CHANDLER's table, he thought, was accurate, and the reduction practicable.

Mr. BOCOCK said that the estimates had been furnished by the heads of departments, who were responsible for them, and understood what they were about. They had no doubt cut them down as low as possible. He did not think that a portion of the members of the House ought to undertake to revise them. He meant no disrespect to others, but he thought it showed a want of confidence in the heads of departments.

Mr. VALLANDIGHAM said the want of confidence was not personal, but only that such as legislative bodies had always to have.

Mr. BURNETT asked Mr. BOCOCK to point out wherein the committee was wrong.

Mr. CRAWFORD here offered a resolution that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized to re-issue the twelve million Treasury notes, and that any other deficiency shall be supplied by retrenchment.

[illegible] spoke strongly and excitedly against the [illegible] of debate.

Some confusion ensued, and while the previous question was maintained; but Mr. BURNETT withdrew his unanimous consent.

Messages then, for the purpose of avoiding a [illegible] on the subject, moved that the caucus adjourn sine die, with the understanding that a general conference of the party should be held next week.

Messrs. [illegible] approved of the suggestion.

A motion was started and the caucus adjourned.

I understand that the Committee will present a report of three for retrenchment: Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New-Jersey and California were represented by Messrs. FAULKNER and HASKIN; Indiana, Illinois and Iowa were fully represented.

[illegible] PENNSYLVANIA MEMBERS.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Feb. 5.

Democratic members of the Pennsylvania delegation met in one of the Committee rooms this afternoon and passed the following resolutions:

Democratic caucus; and finally appointed a Committee of three to take steps for united action with other Democrats who approve of the position they have assumed.

All the Pennsylvania Democrats were present but two.

The Ocean Mail Service.

The following is a copy of the bill reported in the House of Representatives Jan. 25, 1859, by Mr. WOOD, from the Committee on the Post-office and Post-Roads:

A Bill to establish a National Line of Mail Steamships between certain ports of the United States and Great Britain.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a line of mail steamships be, and the same is hereby, established under the control of The National Steamship Company, for mail weekly service between the United States and Europe. There shall be two divisions of the service; the first division shall be bi-weekly, trips from the ports of Portland, Boston, New-York and Philadelphia, to Liverpool, England; the second division shall be bi-weekly trips from Baltimore, Norfolk, Charleston, Savannah, and New-Orleans, to the port of Southampton, in England. The departures shall be fixed and determined by such schedule as the Postmaster-General may adopt, to give *as frequent a mail service as may from the ports of the South, and one departure every week from each based from the ports of the North*; and the steamers in their voyages from and to New-Orleans shall touch at the ports of Havana, Cuba, Santander, in Spain, and Bordeaux, in France.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized and directed to contract with Ambrose W. Thompson, President of said National Steamship Company, for the aforesaid mail service, which shall be performed by not less than *six steamers for the first division*; each of said steamers shall not be of less than two thousand tons measurement, well adapted to mail purposes, and which shall only after inspection be accepted for the service by the Postmaster-General; the service of this first division shall commence within nine days from the date of the acceptance of the ships by the Postmaster-General. The service of the second division shall be performed by *not less than eight steamers*; the said steamers shall not exceed three thousand tons measurement each, well adapted to mail purposes, and to the death of water of the southern ports; they shall be constructed in the highest state of improvement, in such manner as to make them available for transport ships, and capable of carrying moderate batteries; the service of this second division shall commence within twelve months from the date of contract.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and *directed* to advance, upon the terms of the contract, the bonds of the United States, *bearing five per cent. coupons, payable semi-annually, and the principal payable in twenty years towards the construction and equipment of said eight steamships for the southern division, to the amount of two-thirds of the whole cost of the said eight steamships*; the said advance to be made from time to time as the construction shall progress, under the inspection and supervision of such persons as may be appointed thereto by the Postmaster-General; this advance to be returned to the Treasury in annual payments of ten per centum, commencing at the end of the second year of the service of said steamers, and continuing until the whole amount is repaid.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the mail pay for the service of the said steamers shall be the *gross amount of that land and sea postages as payable matter carried in the said steamers during the whole term of the contract, provided the said compensation shall not be less during the first three years of the service than the rate of two dollars for each statute mile of distance run by the said steamers*; and should this exceed the sum of the postage receipts, the amount excess shall be deducted from the receipts of the last three years of the contract. The postage receipts shall go into the general funds of the Post-Office Department, and be paid therefrom monthly to the contractor, and the excess of payment, if any, as aforesaid, during the first three years of the service, *shall be paid from the general appropriations made to the Post-Office Department*. From the monthly amount the Postmaster-General shall deduct in each month *pro rata* proportion of the interest maturing upon the bonds advanced towards the construction of said ships, which amount shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States for the purpose of meeting the coupons upon the said bonds. And he shall also retain after the end of the second year's service of said steamers, ten per centum in each year of the amount advanced towards construction until the amount of said advance is fully repaid to the Treasury of the United States.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That, for the purpose of securing the Government for the amount advanced, a mortgage lien shall be executed to the Government, the steamers shall be insured in good insurance companies, and policies to the amount of said advance shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Treasury.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That *the contract for mail service shall be for ten years for each division of said service*. And the Postmaster-General is authorized, if in his opinion the interest of his department requires it, to cause the service to be extended, by auxiliary steamers, to Havre, Antwerp, and Bremen, upon such equitable terms for said extension of service as he may agree with said company; and further, to alter and determine the departures of the whole of said service, with consent of the contractor, but in no way to diminish the whole number of departures for semi-weekly service. One spare steamer shall be kept in readiness in Great Britain and one in the United States to supply any accidental or contingent want, to keep the service regular and the days of departure exact; and when not employed, either of both of the said steamers shall be subject to the orders of the Navy Department, upon reasonable compensation being made therefor. And the government shall have the privilege at any time to purchase or employ any or all the said vessels, upon terms to be decided by arbitrators mutually chosen, if the parties cannot agree; and when so employed they may be armed and equipped for such purposes as the government may require.

NEW-YORK LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.... ALBANY, Saturday, Feb. 5.

The Senate in Committee of the Whole are considering private and local bills.

ASSEMBLY.... ALBANY, Saturday, Feb. 5.

The Assembly is not in session to-day.

Great Fire in Boston—Loss of Life.

BOSTON, Sunday, Feb. 6.

At about three o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the upper portion of RUSSELL'S mechanical bakery, corner of Battery and Commercial-streets, which was totally destroyed. The building was a brick with a granite front, extending sixty-four feet on Commercial, and one hundred and thirty-two feet on Battery and Salutation streets, and contained two of Bunkle's automatic ovens, kneading machines, &c., and twenty-three thousand barrels of flour on storage. The bakery had gone into operation on Thursday, when over fifteen thousand loaves of bread were baked and delivered. The falling walls partially destroyed two or three adjoining wooden tenements. DANIEL HAYNAGOS, fireman, was killed by the falling of one of the side walls, Capt. WILSON, of the steam fire-engine "Eclipse," was seriously injured internally, and several others were more or less injured. One man is missing, and supposed to be under the ruins. The total loss of property is estimated at $300,000, on which there is a partial insurance. Mr. RUSSELL will immediately construct a fire-proof building and carry out his intention of establishing a mechanical steam bakery in Boston. The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary.

Arrival of the Overland Mail.

ST. LOUIS, Sunday, Feb. 6.

The Overland mail, with San Francisco dates of the 14th ult., has arrived.

The California news is unimportant.

The New-York and St. Louis mails of Dec. 20, *via* Panama and Overland, and the New-Orleans mail of Dec. 27, *via* Tehuantepec, reached San Francisco Jan. 12.

Victoria dates are to Jan. 10. The mining news is unimportant.

NAT MCGOWAN and a party of American rowdies had carried away a British Justice of the Peace from Holmes' Bar, and made him pay a fine of $50 for contempt.

Arrived at San Francisco, ships *Adelaide* and *Dashaway*, from New-York; bark *Evangeline*, from Rio Janeiro.

The arrival of these clippers caused some little movement in groceries and provisions, but no important change in prices had taken place.

From Utah.

ST. LOUIS, Saturday, Feb. 5.

The *Republican* publishes a letter from Salt Lake, 14th inst., stating that Judges SHARPS and CRANDALL will leave the Territory in the Spring, satisfied that their presence as Federal officers in administering laws is merely farcical. The letter adds that there is no loyalty to the Government among the Mormons; that while, to a certain extent, they respect the forms of law, they neither recognize nor respect its spirit; neither murder nor any other crime has been or can be punished.

From Albany.

ALBANY, Saturday, Feb. 5.

The Trustees of the State Capital met this morning to examine the roof of the Capitol and ceiling of the Assembly Chamber, portions of which are thought to be in a dangerous condition. The Trustees agreed to employ a competent architect to make a thorough examination this afternoon or Monday morning.

The Bark Vernon.

BOSTON, Saturday, Feb. 5.

The bark *Vernon*, ashore on Nahant Beach, will be got off after discharging her cargo, if the weather continues moderate. Her sternpost and stem are injured. One thousand boxes of oranges have been taken out of her in good order.

The Illinois Canal Check Affair.

ST. LOUIS, Saturday, Feb. 5.

Dispatches from Springfield, Illinois, say that the loss to the State by the recently-discovered canal checks will amount to $210,000. Mr. MATTESON has written to the Senate Committee, calling for a full investigation, and asking that a suit be instituted against him in the Circuit Court.

The Weather in Boston.

BOSTON, Sunday, Feb. 6.

Snow commenced falling at about 4 P. M., and is coming down thickly this evening; thermometer, 20°.

HAVANA.

Arrival of the Cahawba.

The United States Mail steamship *Cahawba*, D. BULLOCK, commander, from New-Orleans and Havana, arrived here Friday night, having left the latter place on the evening of the 26th January.

The news is unimportant; the intelligence is that the brig *Nancy* has been ordered to be returned to her owners, through her Captain. He was to take possession on the 21st.

The feeling still continued strong with regard to Spanish-American affairs.

In Sugars there has been very little excitement during the past week, although speculators have taken some 12,000 boxes at a fair advance. Stock at Havana and Matanzas, 90,000 boxes—against same period last year, 74,000. Freights slightly improving; several United States vessels having been chartered during the week. Freights to Europe not much changed. Exchange—London, 12¼@12½ premium; New-York and Boston, 1¼@1½ ⅌ cent. do. New-Orleans, short sight, 4¼@5 do.

The health of Havana is good. The crops are probably equal to those of last year.

On Jan. 20, the American brig *C. P. Allen* arrived at Havana. The *Cabezas*, while going out of the harbor, passed Spanish line-of-battle ship *Isabel Segunda* going in, looking finely.

CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION IN CONNECTICUT.—ALFRED A. BURNHAM, of Windham, was nominated on Wednesday as the Republican candidate for member of Congress from the Third District of Connecticut, in place of SIDNEY DEAN, also a Republican. The Convention which met at Norwich was considerably excited in respect to candidates—the leading ones being Mr. BURNHAM and Mr. EDMOND PERKINS, the latter of Norwich. On the first ballot the vote stood 41 for BURNHAM, and 26 for PERKINS. Mr. DEAN the incumbent, received 19, and Mr. BEARDSLEY, of New-London, 16. After nineteen ballotings Mr. BURNHAM received the requisite majority only. He was Lieut.-Governor of Connecticut in 1857, and Speaker of the House of Representatives of that State in 1858. Mr. B. is a son-in-law of ex-Governor CLEVELAND. His antecedents are Democratic. The District is strongly Republican.

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$10,000 U. S. 5s '74	102¾	50	Harlem R. R. Pref.	39¼
4,000 Ind. State 2½	60¾	100	do	s10 39¾
2,000 Tenn. 6s, '90	88¾	120	do	40
5,000 do	89¾	200	do	b30 40¼
9,000 Mo. State 6s	84¾	100	do	40¾
1,000 N. Y. Cen. RR. 6s	99	100	do	40¾
1,440 Erie RR. Bds. '75	45¾	100	M. S. & N. I. R.	b60 18¾
8,000 Erie RR. O. S. '71	40	100	do	18¾
2,000 Rud. & Bk. RR. 1st M.	100¾	200	do	b7 18¾
26,000 Har. RR. 1st M.	c68 91½	17	do	18¾
4,000 Ill. Cen. RR. Bds.	87	50	Mich. S. & N. I. G. S.	45¾
1,000 Ter. H. & Al. 2d M.	41	100	do	b60 45¾
3,600 Del. L. & W. R. 1 M.	87	50	do	s30 45¾
1,000 H. & St. J. R. R. Bs.	44½	300	do	b30 45¾
8 Bank of America	110	50	do	s30 45¾
41 Bank of Dry Goods	118½	20	do	45¾
12 Bank of Commerce	99¼	200	Panama R. R.	s30 115¾
50 Bank of Com. Scrip	100¼	50	do	115¾
100 Erie R. R.	13¾	50	do	s60 115¾
800 do	13¾	850	do	115¾
25 Chatham Bank	90	200	do	b60 115¾
10 Market Bank	107	50	Ill. Cen. R. R.	s30 66¾
100 Del. & Rud. O. Co.	87	50	do	66¾
45 Pacific M. S. S. Co.	78	50	do	s30 66¾
10 do	77½	50	do	66¾
50 do	77½	250	Gal. & Chi. RR.	c 69¼
482 do	c 77	1250	do	c 69¼
100 do	s10 76¾	100	do	s10 69
50 do	b60 76¾	300	do	b30 69¼
300 do	76¾	100	do	s30 69
100 do	s30 76	100	Chi. & R. I. R.	b60 59¾
50 do	s10 76	400	do	s30 59¾
250 N. Y. Cen. R.	s3 82¾	350	do	59¾
100 do	s3 aft. opg. 82¾	150	do	s10 59¾
50 do	s60 82¾	100	do	s30 59¾
100 do	s30 82¾	100	do	b60 59¾
100 do	b60 82¾	100	do	s3 59¾
200 do	b30 82¾	20	La G. & Mil. R.	11¾
100 do	opg. 82¾	50	Clev., P. & Ash. R.	119
100 Hud. River R.	32	300	Penn. Coal Co.	86

SECOND BOARD.

$3,000 Mo. State 6s	84¾	100	M. S. & N. I. G. S.	45¾
1,000 do	84¾	100	do	b7 45¾
4,000 Ind's State 2½	60¾	100	Gal. & Chi. R. R.	69¾
1,000 Ill. Cen. RR. Bds.	87	60	do	b60 69¾
2,000 La C. & Mil. L. G. D.	22	50	Erie Railroad	b10 13¾
1,000 Mich. Cen. RR. c ⅌ st. 1st M. S. F. C. Bds.	94	100	do	s60 13¾
500 Panama Railroad	116	200	do	13¾
50 do	116¾	100	Har. R. R. Pref.	s30 40¾
225 Pacific M. S. S. Co.	77	50	do	40¾
100 do	s45 75¾	50	do	b30 41
75 do	b60 76¾	50	do	s30 40¾
100 N. Y. Cen. RR.	82¾	50	do	40¾
200 do	s60 82¾	100	Reading RR.	s60 48¾
100 do	b30 82¾	350	Clev. & Tol. R. R.	30¾
200 do	b60 82¾	100	Chi. & R. I. RR.	s60 59¾
500 do	b30 82¾	32	Penn. Coal Co.	86
100 do	82¾			

MONDAY, Feb. 7—A. M.

The Stock Exchange dealings of the past week which opened with a declining market on Monday, were quite unsettled until near the close. The fall was quite general and precipitate through the early days of the week, but in seven cases out of ten the decline was nearly or quite recovered on Friday and Saturday. This was the case with Panama, Reading, Rock Island, Michigan Preferred, Michigan Central, Galena, Illinois Central, Hudson River, Harlem Preferred and Pennsylvania Coal. The exceptions were New-York Central, which after falling from 84 to 81 ⅌ cent, recovered to 82¼ only, and Missouri Sixes which, after selling down to 83¼ ⅌ cent., recovered about half the sudden decline of 2¼ ⅌ cent. Pacific Mail is also a very marked exception, the extreme fluctuation being ten ⅌ cent., (after a previous fall of ten,) and the price at the close 6¼ ⅌ cent. below that of Saturday week. The following table is a fair index to the general

COURSE OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE FOR THE WEEK.

New Loan of U. S.	102¾@102¾
New-York Central	84@81@82¼@82¾
New-York and Erie	14@13¾@14@13¾
Reading	49¼@48@49
Rock Island	90¾@89¾@90¾
Michigan Southern	19¼@18¾
Michigan Southern preferred	46@44@45¾
Michigan Central	50¾@49@50¾
Toledo	31¼@30¼@30¾
Galena	69@68¼@69¾
Illinois Central	66¼@65¾
Pacific Mail	82¾@73@76¾
Panama	116¾@113¾@116¾
Missouri 6s	85¾@83¼@84¼
Virginia 6s	96¾@96
Tennessee 6s	60¾@60¾
Illinois Central Bonds	88@87
California Sevens	66@63¼@64¼
Hudson River	32¼@31@32¼
Harlem Preferred	41@35¾@40¾

The Federal Loan further declined ¼ ⅌ cent. The sales on Saturday were at 102¾ for delivery this day, which, with 38 days' interest, is equal to only 102.00 ⅌ cent. net, or nearly ½ ⅌ cent. below the average of the recent awards by the Treasury Department, and within .04 ⅌ cent. of the lowest successful bid of 102.05. As most of the low bidders are now out of the market, and as there is more than a fair prospect that the recommendation of the Bank Department at Albany to make this Stock and New-York fives the basis of circulation at par, instead of 92 ⅌ cent., where Bonds and Mortgages are wholly dispensed with, will be adopted by the Legislature, the chances seem to be against any further material decline. No further Funded Debt is likely to be authorized by the present Congress. The Secretary recommends the extension or renewal of the Treasury Bills for a year or two, and this, with the proposed retrenchment in the General Appropriations of the session, and the defeat of all special appropriations and mere *lobby jobs*, would enable the Department to go through the year without disturbing the Tariff. However desirable in a good many articles, in which Domestic Industry is deeply interested, a readjustment of the duties might be, there is no probability that the conflicting views on the subject at Washington will be reconciled for any other object than to increase temporarily the revenues of the Government. It is quite as improbable, also, that specific valuations will be substituted for the present *ad valorem* system, as parties now stand in the two Houses. The unsettling of a portion of the schedules of the act of 1857, only to gain a few millions additional revenue, would undoubtedly be attended by more inconvenience and irregularity to commerce than good to the Government. Less than four months' notice of the change could not well be given, and this would crowd upon us large importations of particular articles, to save the enhanced duty, in May and June not really wanted until the Fall and if ten months' notice should be voted, the chances are that the necessity for the change, for essential revenue purposes, would pass away before the new act would come into force on 1st of January, 1860.

The sales by certificate of New-York Central were quite free early in the week, considering that the regular transfer was closed. A portion of the Sept. account was closed up between 82@81 ⅌ cent., and the speculative interest in the stock has changed hands—some of the late sellers for the fall turning buyers for the rise, at the close of the week. In Panama there was a temporary decline 2¼@2½ ⅌ cent.; lowest sales 113¾, seller 60 days. On Saturday there was a strong demand at 115¼@116@116¼ ⅌ cent. owing to the prospect of an increase in the California passenger business, by competition between the Pacific Mail and Mr. VANDERBILT, and to the publication of a letter from the President of the Panama containing the statistics and sources of business over the Road since it first opened. Mr. HOADLEY states that

"Erroneous impressions in regard to the business of the Business of the Panama Railroad prevail extensively, even among intelligent business men and members of our national councils, many regarding it simply as a sort of appendage to California. The fact is overlooked, that while California has a population estimated at only 500,000, the population of Central America is over two millions, and that portion of South America whose only means of communicating with the Atlantic is either by the Isthmus of Panama or around Cape Horn, contains nearly eight millions. Trade with South America and Central America has been carried on heretofore almost exclusively by England, that between the United States and those countries being estimated at not more than ten per cent. of the whole. * * * For four years daily trains have been run, and 191,626 passengers transported without a case of sickness occurring among them. It has carried of specie—

Gold	$171,157,421 29
Silver	20,403,793 49
Total	$200,561,214 78

Of which $135,135,003 came to the United States, and $65,426,120 went to England. In the same time 85,000 bags of mail matter has been carried. The total losses paid for damages to freight are not $5,000.

The freight movement for three years of British merchandise received at Aspinwall has been as follows:

	Tns.	Cubic feet.
1856	423,649	24,151
1857	691,999	27,337
1858	2,160,155	96,238

Of all the freight transported over the Panama Railroad, not more than one-*tenth* has any connection with California, nine tenths, at least, consisting of British manufactured and other goods, shipped to South America and Central America, and of the produce of those countries in return, such as indigo, cochineal, India-rubber, coffee, cocoa, dye stuffs, logwood, hides, orchilla, pearl shells, tobacco, specie, Peruvian bark, ores, straw hats, &c., &c.

Nothing is shipped from California by the Panama route, except a few cases of silks sent there from China, small parcels of ores and occasional lots of whalebone. Shipments to California consist mainly of valuable goods, which will bear a high rate of freight, which between New-York and San Francisco now amounts to from $2.25 to $6 per cubic foot."

In Pacific Mail nothing new transpired on Saturday. The fluctuations were from 77½ to 76¾ ⅌ cent. The movement is less feverish since the cause of the late onset is made public. It seems that the management of the Company have reserved the ability in ready means and surplus steamers to meet the emergency of competition, and besides saving by its present occurrence the large subsidy to VANDERBILT, they are able at any moment to compete with VANDERBILT and ROBERTS hence to Aspinwall. They have already the steamship *St. Louis* idle on the Atlantic side, and can order, if necessary, another of their fleet of thirteen vessels from the Pacific, so as to give a semi-monthly through line from New-York to San Francisco, without tribute to ROBERTS or VANDERBILT. On the other hand, ROBERTS has the mail contract on this side till 1st October of the present year, and VANDERBILT controls four steamers on the Pacific to connect with him.

The Western shares and Reading were steadier through the week than the remainder of the list, the latter unusually quiet on Saturday at 49¼@49 ⅌ cent. cash, and 49½, seller 60 days. A fair degree of activity in Rock Island and Galena, and both firm at the close. The Harlem Preferred movement was again strong, after the decline to 36¼@35¾ on Tuesday, the last sale 40½ ⅌ cent. Erie and Hudson recovered the decline, the first-named steady at 13¼@14, and Hudson firm at 32 @32½ ⅌ cent. The January traffic on the Hudson line, like that of December, settled up better than last, and on a reduced scale of expenses. In Railway Bonds the business of the week was not important. The decline in Illinois Centrals is 2 ⅌ cent., closing steady at 87. The general market closed firm, but not active, at about the outside figures in the foregoing table. Business was rather dulled by the absence of the European steamers now overdue.

The Foreign Trade of the past week was large and active. We have seldom seen the Custom-house more crowded, or heard better reports of business from the importers and jobbers. The entries of the week, including the Dry Goods table in our last paper, are $6,477,741, as against $2,213,846 same week last year. The Customs Duties paid into the Sub-Treasury amounted to $1,219,131. There was also paid in on account of the New Loan $832,049; thus giving the Secretary $2,051,180 of means for the single week. The Government balances here now stand $3,103,546, against $7,230,004 at the close of the previous week. The Export of Specie is $606,969, against $2,928,270 same week last February. Some parcels of Gold have come in from the neighboring cities, but we do not hear that the aggregate is considerable. The whole Specie movement of the week will probably reduce the Bank Average, on the Statement to be made up this afternoon, about $1,500,000, leaving the average figure about $26,250,000, as against $27,725,290 last week. And the calculation upon the Street is, that something like a corresponding decline will be shown in the undrawn Deposits, instead of an increase in the Discounts at Bank, to meet the demands of the Custom-house and for the New Loan. The advance in the price of Money, equal to 1@1½ ⅌ cent. per annum, was fully established by the middle of the week, since when the market has become settled, or if anything rather easier, particularly for loans on demand, and on very short paper. The rates are now from 4½ to 6 ⅌ cent. to the Brokers, varying with the character of the security, the usual currency being 5 ⅌ cent. to the old-established prices on the Street, and the discount on first-class mercantile bills ranges 5½ to 7 ⅌ cent., 60 days to 6 months. The Foreign Exchanges rose steady 109½@109¾ on London; *£6.15½@£6.10½ on Paris.*

According to the Custom-house tables which we *published in summary form, by months, a few* days since, the Import entries at the port of New-York for seven months of the current Treasury year to the 31st January, amounted to....$109,073,000
Add week in February.....6,477,741
Total since July 1.....$116,450,741
Same time in 1858.....112,152,846
Increase since July 1.....$4,297,895

This increase is now likely to advance rapidly to the close of the fiscal year, June 30. The present scale of importations is quite up to the movement of 1856; and should this hold out for the five months, the result at the close, as compared with last year, will be a total increase of $10,000,000 at New-York alone, equal to about $60,000,000 for the whole country. We annex the comparison of 1856 with last year, adding the figures for five months of the first-named year for the remainder of fiscal year 1859:

	1856.	1857.	1858.
Seven months	$86,658,000	$109,449,000	$109,073,000
February	18,900,000	8,900,000	15,646,000
March	20,146,000	11,482,000	20,146,000
April	19,965,000	10,664,000	19,965,000
May	18,993,000	12,192,000	18,993,000
June	17,704,000	19,034,000	17,704,000
Total fiscal year	$181,097,000	$162,180,000	$202,015,000

The Custom-house returns of the Export clearances of Domestic Produce and Miscellaneous Goods from New-York, (including foreign articles reexported,) from July 1 to Jan. 31, are....$22,060,008
Add week in February.....1,302,901
Total since July 1.....$23,362,909
Same time last year.....40,739,316
Decrease this year.....$7,356,415

The same tables make the Export of Specie from New-York to Jan. 31.....$15,047,000
Add week in February.....606,969
Total since July 1.....$15,653,969
Same time last year.....27,035,270
Decrease since July 1.....$11,081,301

The recent decision of Judge DAVIES, in the case of the Cumberland Coal Company *vs.* A. M. SHERMAN—late a Director of the Company, who, in violation of his trust, attempted to alienate 2,000 acres of the coal estate of the concern to himself—not only restores the property thus seized upon, but is a most important precedent against the abuse of trusteeships in manufacturing and other corporations. The decision is that no Director has a right to avail of his trust position to his individual profit, and that all transactions in the nature of purchase, sale or transfer of the corporate property, from which the Trustee is to derive individual advantage, directly or indirectly, are void in law. The new administration of the Cumberland Coal Company have done a public service, besides adding to the value of their own property, as they found it last Summer by prosecuting this case to an equitable and righteous decision. The precedent, we understand, is to be made a good one of by the Receiver of the old Nicaragua Transit, who found the whole of the steamship property of the Company sold or alienated by the President, and mostly on himself or his family. In this case it is claimed, we believe, that the party, while acting as President or Trustee for the property, held certain mortgages upon the steamships, which he had a right to foreclose.

We understand that the American Bank Note Company have leased from the Merchants' Exchange Company the upper or third story rooms of the building on Wall and William streets, for ten years, at the rate of $12,000 a year. The arrangement is alike eligible for the business of bank-note engraving, and satisfactory to the Trustees of the Exchange.

Of the market for Land Warrants Messrs. THOMPSON BROTHERS write on Saturday:

We quote Warrants to-day, subject, however, to fluctuation between the fate of the Homestead bill and the active speculative demand, as follows:

	Buy.	Sell.
40 acre Warrants, ⅌ acre	100 bis.	102 cts.
80 acre Warrants, ⅌ acre	99	99
320 acre Warrants, ⅌ acre	98	98
160 acre Warrants, ⅌ acre	99	99

The City Comptroller, on Friday, awarded $374,000 of Central Park Stock, 30 years to run, and bearing 6 ⅌ cent. ⅌ annum, at rates from 101 to 102 ⅌ cent.

The *Miner's Journal*, of Saturday, says of the Coal Trade:

"The quantity sent by railroad this week is 16,436 16 against 11,728 tons for the corresponding week last year. The trade from the different regions stands up this week as follows, compared with last year:

	1859.			1858.	
	Week.	Total.		Week.	Total.
[illegible]	[illegible]	166,621		18,439	236,452
[illegible]	[illegible]	56,527		3,449	76,099
[illegible]	[illegible]			2,563	6,510
[illegible]	[illegible]	16,436		11,728	

[illegible] tons on the Reading and Lehigh Valley Railroads for the week, and 66,097 over the year. The quantity sent from the Schuylkill [illegible] to 2,000 tons, showed a slight increase. The Schuylkill, Tuscarora and Broad Top Regions have also improved on last week's supply."

BANKING AND FINANCIAL ADVERTISEMENTS

BY SIGHT AND TIME BILLS, on all the Southern cities, purchased by DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO.
Nov. 24, 1858.

Markets by Telegraph.

MOBILE, Friday, Feb. 4.

COTTON quiet; sales, to-day, 1,000 bales, at 11c. for Middling. Sales of the week, 18,500 bales. Receipts of the week, 20,500 bales, against 25,500 in the same week last year. Stock